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AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION

New System Inaugurated By Secretary of State, John E. Bunker.

Secretary of State, John E. Bunker, has inaugurated a new system in dealing with the automobile registration problem which should be appreciated by all owners of motor vehicles within the State, and ought, as well, to reduce the volume of work in the Department of State connected with the registration of cars and licensing of operators during the year 1916.

In previous years application cards have been sent to dealers throughout the State, of whom there are only about three hundred, and a very small percentage of the owners of automobiles have known where cards could be procured. Consequently there has been much confusion and inconvenience in obtaining registrations and licenses. Many motorists, knowing that some fee should be paid for registration, have forwarded check to the Department of State, unaccompanied by application cards, for the amount they thought was required. The amount has often been incorrect, and they have either had to be requested to forward the balance, or be refunded the amount overpaid, which has made the bookkeeping of the Department complicated. When the check has been unaccompanied by application cards, filled out in due form, the registration or license could not be granted until corrections were made, and much correspondence and not a few delays have resulted, to the inconvenience of both the Department and the person wishing to operate a car. Others have claimed that they did not know the law in regard to registration and licenses, and some have undoubtedly presented this as an excuse for violation of the laws. This may have resulted in more lenient treatment toward offenders and less revenue to the State, as well as much criticism from those who had made it a point to inform themselves of the law and had compiled therewith.

So many have been the difficulties arising from this lack of knowledge regarding the automobile laws, the proper procedure for registration of cars, and licensing of operators, that Secretary Bunker has taken up the problem of eliminating all apparent difficulties. He has accomplished this to such an extent that it will be impossible for any present automobile owner to offer an excuse of ignorance of the law relating to registration or lack of application cards, while all will be given the benefit of the new system, which will be found much more convenient, and without a doubt will be greatly appreciated.

The system, as explained by Secretary Bunker, is as follows: On December 15th there will be sent to every automobile in the State who has registered a motor vehicle during the past year, an application card for registration, an application card for operator's license, and a copy of the Automobile Laws. A careful examination of the laws will show the amount required for registration of the motor vehicle. All the owner has to do is to fill out the application cards, enclose them with the amount called for in the law, and send them to the Department of State. Upon receipt of same, registration plates and certificates will go forward at once. A fee of two dollars should also be enclosed with an application for an operator's license.

Application cards are being sent out the middle of this month in order to give every person owning an automobile the privilege, if he so desires, to receive his registration plates on January first for the coming year. There will be no excuse for any person who operates a car on the highways without the 1916 plates attached after the beginning of the new year. Plates and permits will be forwarded from the State Department on the 20th and 30th of December to all persons sending in their applications, accompanied by the required fees, previous to that time.

For the benefit of the prospective purchasers of new cars during the coming year, Secretary Bunker is sending to all dealers, for distribution, application cards and copies of the laws. Persons purchasing cars should request such cards and laws. With the inauguration of this new system the public will receive the most efficient service in the history of the registration of automobiles in this State.

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NEW YORK LETTER

Some Things of Interest by Our Special Correspondent

New York City, December 17.

Snow has hit us at last. And it hits very hard, too. All day Monday it snowed heavy, clinging flakes, that piled up seven inches deep in the heart of the city, and nearly ten inches at the northern edge. For a while in the morning it rained, and that with the rather warm ground, we had our fill of slush before the day was over. The city authorities were caught badly, and could not cope with the situation at all. They seemed unable to get men enough, although the situations and want advertisements in the papers indicated that there are many unemployed now as any year. It is only in the last day or so that the snow is being at all adequately dealt with, and traffic is resuming any sort of speed. You can realize the difficulties to be met when the climate of this region is considered. We cannot simply pack the snow down and use it to travel on, on runners, for it is liable to vanish in slush any time the wind from the Gulf Stream hits us. And yet we have about as much snow, on the whole as Portland. The thing that is to be done here, and that Mr. Fetherston, our Street Cleaning Commissioner, has not succeeded in doing in three winters, is to have an organization adequate to remove the snow as fast as it falls. It can be done. Colonial-Waring did it here fifteen years ago.

The one sensible piece of snow-handling that I have seen is that along the routes of the Fifth Avenue and other stage lines that I described in another letter. They hitched a big snowplow to stage, and kept the roadway open for their service—and also for other traffic—at all times.

Local news seems scarce this week. The papers are full of the Anconia note matter, of course, and of the opening of Congress. Some little attention has been given to the resolution of the new congressman from one of the districts of this city, Mr. London, asking that this country intervene to secure peace. Mr. London, it may be said, is the lone Socialist member of Congress, and is pretty well known locally for the magnificent work he did in aiding the cloakmakers in their great strike some years ago. He has been called the greatest labor union lawyer in the country.

The successors to the late and perhaps lamented Anthony Comstock, self-chosen guardian of public morals, have started another series of raids on stores selling pictures supposed to be improper. Like Mr. Comstock, they have let the big offenders go, and taken little struggling fellows, who may be ruined by a lawsuit. Your correspondent saw in several bigger department stores pictures that were decidedly more salacious than those brought into court by the guardians of virtue. The raiding habit has taken hold of the police also, for in yesterday's paper there was a long yarn about their raid on "60 Washington Square," a restaurant supposed to be very ultra-bohemian, and where it was supposed one could see literary and artistic lights feeding. The raid was a fiasco; all they found was a cupboard with four hundred bottles, and a license to sell the contents.

New York University has opened up a rather novel sort of extension branch of its school of commerce, right in the heart of the financial district. Courses in banking, accounting, commercial law, Spanish, and a lot of similar things are being given at 14 Wall street, and thus the University reaches a large element that wants this training, but has not had time or opportunity to go up town for it. The courses are arranged so that they fit into the hours of clerks. The work has been under way some months, and has met with a warm reception.

We have for quite a time had a novelty going up and down Broadway, in the form of a double-decked street car. It is one of these new low-hung steel cars, with the floor only a foot from the ground, and the wheel-trucks at each end, under a special compartment for the motorman. The entrance is at the middle, and consists of a pair of doors, electrically operated. When the car is moving, it is impossible to get on, as there is no step to the door. The upper floor has two seats, back to back, running lengthwise, and is reached by stairs at each end of the car. The whole vehicle is hardly two feet higher to the roof than the average big theater car.

ANAX JUNIUS.

CHRISTMAS AT BETHEL CHURCHES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The Christmas sale at Garland Chapel, Dec. 14, despite the stormy weather and other obstacles, was a financial success.

Next Friday evening the annual picnic supper for the Congregational Sunday School will be served at 6:15 in the dining room. The supper will be followed by a brief entertainment and the distribution of gifts from the Christmas trees. All Sunday School children and all members of the parish are cordially invited to be present, and partake of the good things and enjoy the Christmas cheer.

Last Sunday was observed as Christmas at the Congregational Church with an appropriate sermon by the pastor at the morning service and special music by the choir. The concert in the evening opened with exercises of recitation and song by the younger children of the Sabbath School, followed by "The Traveller," a Christmas song story. The Scripture story of the birth of Jesus was recited by the older children of the Sabbath School, assisted by the chorus choir. Prof. E. Hanscom read the Christmas story of the "Traveller" and the chorus responded with the appropriate songs. Miss Sawford's solos and Prof. Hansom's reading added much to the impressiveness of the exercises and the work of the organist, Miss Blanche Horriss, and those who so cheerfully assisted in the chorus was most heartily appreciated. Those in charge of the exercises well deserve the words of appreciation expressed by those who were privileged to listen to one of the most impressive Christmas stories ever told.

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In the evening the choir, under the direction of Mr. Anderson, ably assisted by Miss Davis as accompanist, gave the sacred cantata, "The Prince of Peace."

Both chorus and solo parts gave evidence of faithful work, and careful rehearsing with results that were very much to the credit of the choir and certainly delighted and inspired the audience.

The program follows:

Organ Voluntary, Miss Jessie Davis

Prayer, The Pastor

Prelude,

Chorus, "Hark the Glad Sound,"

Tenor Solo, "To Us a Child of Hope Is Born," Howard E. Tyler

Duet, "Once in David's Royal City," Misses Ermine Rabideau, Hazel Arno

Chorus, "And There Were Shepherds,"

Soprano, "How Bright Appears the Morning Star," John C. Anderson

Chorus, "Behold There Came Wise Men,"

Contralto Solo, "As With Gladness," Miss Jessie Brown

Chorus, "Joy to the World," (Sols by Messrs. Anderson and Tyler)

Benediction.

Next Friday evening at the Methodist Church there will be the usual Christmas eve supper for the children of the Sunday School and their friends at 6:15 in the dining room of the church. This is a picnic supper according to the usual custom, the ladies of the church furnishing baked beans, bread, bread and coffee, and adults in attendance bringing white bread, cake, and pastry needed.

After the supper, or about 7:30 the Christmas concert by the boys and girls of the Sunday School will be in the auditorium, closing with the Christmas tree. Gifts for the tree will be received by the committee in charge any time in the afternoon. The young people are very much interested in this program and a good time is expected.

The following is the program for Christmas eve, Friday, 7:30:

Song, Junior League

Recitation, "A Great Big Boy,"

Exercise, "Scott Piko

Recitation, "The Shepherd's Story,"

Three Boys Marion Bean

Recitation, "Eunice Smith, Hildred Keddy

Recitation, Josephine Springer

Recitation, Ruth Glines

GRANGE NEWS

PARIS GRANGE.

Paris Grange was called to order by Worthy Master Ryerson at 11:30 A. M., Dec. 18th, 1915. Officers present at roll call: Master, Overseer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Secretary, Gate Keeper and Clerks. One application was received and the first and second degrees were conferred on one candidate. After a recess for dinner the grange was called to order in open session. It being Past Masters day the following program was carried out:

Music by grange choir. Past Master Silas P. Maxtin, the oldest man in the town of Paris, gave a very interesting talk on the past history of the town and of Paris Grange. Dr. G. M. Twitchell gave a very instructive lecture on the "Cost of an Apple," which won a hearty applause. Sisters Hammond and Kennedy sang a duet and responded with an encore. Past Masters present: H. D. Hammond, John S. Brown, Goo. S. Boutelle, A. N. Cairns, B. H. Gates, Howard Swan, O. K. Clifford, James Millett, L. A. Brooks and Chas. Edwards responded to the call of the lecturer. Next meeting will be held Jan. 1 at 10:30. Degree work in the morning followed by a basket dinner with installation of the officers in the afternoon.

I. O. O. F. RESOLUTIONS

OF RESPECT ON THE DEATH OF BRO. W. W. LINNELL.

Whereas, Bro. W. W. Linnell, a member of our Order has been called to the Great Beyond, to remind us again of the frailty of life; and although we believe the "All Seeing Eye of God," is ever watching over us, and that he doeth all things well, nevertheless, we sorrow in our earthly way for our brother.

Therefore, be it resolved, that in the death of Bro. Linnell the Lodge loses a faithful member, and that we send a copy of these resolutions to his family, extending our sympathy; that these resolutions be spread upon our records, and printed in the Oxford County Citizen, and that our chapter be draped for thirty days in memory of our departed Brother.

J. S. HUTCHINS, President

W. F. CLARK, Vice President

F. E. PURRINGTON, Secretary

Committee on Resolutions

Mt. Abram Lodge, I. O. O. F., Bethel, Me., Dec. 10, 1915.

SWAN—FIELD.

A quiet wedding occurred at West Paris at the home of Mrs. Emily D. Field, Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, at 8:30 P. M., when her eldest daughter, Ora E., was united in marriage to Albert L. Swan of Bethel. Rev. D. A. Ball performed the ceremony, the single immediate relatives were present. The bride's sister, Miss Doris Field, played the wedding march and little Miss Margaret Tuell, who makes her home with Mrs. Field, was ring bearer. Mr. and Mrs. Swan left on the evening train for Bethel, where they will make their home for the present.

Five Children

Recitation, "The Children of the Stars," Freda Wheeler

Recitation, Guy Thurston

Song, Primary Class

Dialogue, "The Shepherd's Son," Edith Somerville, Raymond Chapman

Recitation, "Christmas Cheer," Evans Wilson

Recitation, "Baby's Favorite," Hildred Keddy

Recitation, "A Christmas Carol," Myrtle Wilson

Christmas Sketch, "Playing Santa Claus,"

Exercise, "Blessed Bells," Ruth Kendall

NOTICE.

Whereas Leo Vail and I have been lumbering in partnership for several winters this is to notify all concerned that the partnership has this day been dissolved and that I shall be liable for any bills contracted after this date.

December 21, 1915.

HOWARD L. COBURN,

12-23-15, Bethel, Maine.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNER-

SHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between P. J. Latchford and Harry G. Bryant, under the firm name of Latchford & Bryant, has this day been dissolved.

All bills due said partnership must

be paid within thirty days to said

Latchford, and all bills outstanding

against said partnership should be pre-

sented at once for payment to said

Latchford, at the office of H. H. Hastings, Bethel, Maine.

P. J. LATCHFORD,

HARRY G. BRYANT.

December 1, 1915.

12-16-15.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

That there may be more time for

the homemakers on Christmas Day the

management of Bethel Inn will serve

a Christmas dinner from 1:00 to 2:30

P. M. at the special price of \$1.00 to

residents of Bethel and their friends.

Table reservations may be made in ad-

vance.

Rosa has a nice line of Educator

Crackers in 10c, 20c and 25c lbs. Adv.

WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 3,000 Oxford County homes—1 week, 25c. 3 weeks, 50c.

Holiday Hall will be kept open during the vacation with Mrs. Sloan in charge.

Mrs. Pierce and daughter, Erma, are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Freeport, Maine.

The teachers will spend the vacation as follows: Priscilla Hanson in Bethel; Miss Pratt in Readfield, Miss Whitmore at South Paris; Miss Whitmore in Warren; Mr. Rand at White Rock.

Rumford High defeated Gould's last Friday night by a score of 33 to 14. Rumford showed her superiority all through the game. J. Young was the star of the game, his shooting netting 10 points. Dyer also played a

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BETHEL AND VICINITY.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bartlett were in Lewiston, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hastings were in Berlin, Monday.

Harry Hastings and Claude Goddard were in Berlin, Thursday.

Gordon Allen spent the week end with relatives in South Paris.

There will be no meeting of the W. G. T. U. until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Parker from Sunday River were in town, Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. Lowe visited her sister, Mrs. Hiram Wilcox, in Norway, Saturday.

Nellie Blake from Milan, N. H., was a guest of Hazel Douglass the first of the week.

Miss Helen Spencer of West Enfield, Me., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Spencer.

Mrs. S. I. French was called to Mechanic Falls last week by the illness of her grandson.

Mr. Chas. Hamlin of Milan, N. H., was a guest of Mrs. Sidney Howe and family last week.

Rev. W. H. Clark of Auburn was in Bethel, Friday, in the interest of the Youth's Companion.

Mrs. Gottlieb Carlson of Dorchester, Mass., is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Threl.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Frank Chandler, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. Winsfeld Howe had the misfortune to hurt his arm quite badly last week while handling a trunk at the station.

Mrs. Chas. Davis, who has been spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Wormeli, at Portland, has returned home.

Trimmed Hats marked down at L. M. STEARNS'.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Jordan were in Waterville, Sunday.

Mr. E. W. Sauborn of Norway was a business visitor in town, Monday.

A representative of the Lewiston Journal was in Bethel last week.

Mr. B. W. Kimball spent the week end with friends in Berlin, N. H.

Mrs. I. H. Wright and Mrs. Frank Purrington were in Berlin, Friday.

Miss L. M. Stearns has returned from Portland, where she spent several days.

Miss Ada Bean visited at the home of Mrs. Hiram Bean a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Flint and Mrs. Allie Emmons from Newry were in town, Monday.

Mr. Robert Snodgrass of Berlin, N. H., was a Sunday guest of Mr. and C. W. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wheeler went to Norway, Friday, to attend "The Birth of a Nation."

Miss Mac Cross and Miss Dick Hastings have returned to Duxbury, Mass., to spend the winter.

Mr. Herman Mason attended the Live Stock Breeders' Association in Lewiston last week.

The degree team of the Rebekahs will meet at the hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 16, at 8 P. M., for drill.

Mrs. Howard Thurston, Mrs. Ralph Young and Mrs. Wade Thurston were in Lewiston, shopping, Saturday.

Mr. C. G. Kimball left for Berlin, N. H., Monday, and later to go into the woods as scaler for Berlin Mills Co.

Adelmar Stearns, who was operated upon at the C. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston, for adenoids, has returned and making a good recovery.

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O. Holt, for the past two months.

Mrs. Montee York has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. James G. Davy, of Rumford.

Charles A. Swett and family are guests of relatives in Somersworth, N.H.

Mary L. Richardson, who closed a successful term of school at Peru, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson.

Mrs. E. T. Holland of Mountmout has been a guest of friends in Canton, where she was a former resident.

Barbara, the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Boothby has been quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gilnes of Monarda have been guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gilnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fogg of North Rumford have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Carson.

Herbert M. Tucker attended the meeting of the Maine Dairying Association at Lewiston last week.

Mr. Tucker, who has been vice-president of the Association for the past few years, was elected president at this meeting.

Mrs. Angelia Thompson was called to East Dixfield, Saturday by the illness of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Carroll Thompson.

Mrs. Verna Smith of Lewiston has been a guest of Mrs. A. S. Bicknell and other friends in town, where she was a former resident.

Saturday she went to Rumford to visit her sister, Mrs. C. Summer officiating.

Mrs. M. J. Howes is convalescing from her recent illness.

Mrs. Henrietta Glover returned home, Wednesday, from Lewiston, where she has been with her sister-in-law, Mrs. C.

Mrs. Ernest Freeman, Leon Berry, Clarence S. Alley and Lewis Hayford are at Beddington on a hunting trip.

At the annual meeting of John A. Dodge Relief Corps the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Elye B. York; Vice-President, Mrs. Ada Chamberlain; Chaplain, Mrs. Euclid S. Oldham; Secretary, Mrs. Martha J. Childs; Treasurer, Mrs. Estelle C. Briggs; Guard, Mrs. Alma Towler; Conductor, Mrs. Maud Richardson; Past President, Mrs. Eliza Hodge.

Harold Ellingwood has been ill with a throat trouble at the home of his uncle, Geo. W. Brown.

A. F. Hayford and Arthur Tirrell are up country on a hunting expedition.

O. T. Bonney lost one of his work horses last week.

Mrs. Clara M. Barrows has gone to Rumford where she will be employed for a few weeks.

Mrs. F. B. Woodward is spending a few days in Portland.

H. Frank Richardson was at home from Bliss Business College, Saturday and Sunday.

At the annual meeting of the Androscoggin Valley Agricultural Society, J. M. Johnson was elected president; Stanley Bisbee, vice-president; O. M. Richardson, secretary, and G. L. Wadlin, treasurer.

Harris Jones and Albert Dodge have returned from their hunting trip to Upton, the latter bringing home a deer.

Very successful was the sale of aprons, bags, handkerchiefs and homemade candy held by Penobscot Robekai Lodge, Thursday evening, and the delicious supper was given a liberal portion.

A good sum was realized from the affair.

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or up town. Another line goes far up Fifth Avenue, and then cuts through the heart of Harlem, famous for its flats with small rooms. A third line goes to the Polo Grounds, and does a big business in summer with the baseball fans. In the morning, when the weather is nice, stage after stage goes past, full on top—for it is the most comfortable way to get down town.

Fifth Avenue, below the plutocratic residences, is the center, first of the big department stores, and further down town of the cloak and suit trade. So it is quite handy for a lot of men to use the stages. They charge a ten cent fare, but that does not prevent crowding at some times. When you are in the city, and want to see something fine, take the stage twice; once near noon, and again after dark. At night

Fifth Avenue is really at its best.

ANAX JUNIUS.

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As soon as an attack of Rheumatism begins apply Sloan's Liniment. Don't waste time and suffer unnecessary agony. A few drops of Sloan's Liniment on the affected parts is all you need. The pain goes at once.

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LET US HELP YOU SOLVE YOUR HOLIDAY PROBLEMS

How to strike a satisfactory average between our desire to give and our ability to pay is a problem which worries nearly every one at Christmas time. Our stock offers an easy solution of the problem. In other words, it contains the kind of gifts you want to give at the price you want to pay. Our stock is extensive and contains something suitable for every member of the family. The list below will give you an idea of the lines we carry. "SHOP EARLY."

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The famous "Eaton, Crane and Pike" make in special Christmas boxes. There is a great assortment of the newest tints and white papers in novel shapes which have made this paper celebrated. Stationery and Correspondence Cards as low as 25c per box, and from that up to \$2.00.

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JAM KIDD

Made in U.S.A. The pioneer Sleepy-Eye Doll of America. Indisputably the most practical Character Doll on the market. Look at the Happy Family in our window. Price \$1.00.

We also have a great many of the Imported Dolls from 10c up.

TOYS AND GAMES

We also have a nice line of Toys and Games for the children. Prices reasonable.

HOLIDAY PERFUMES AND SACHET POWDERS

A fine assortment of all the leading makes in attractive holiday packages. We have just added the Palmer line. There is none better. Their Rose Leaves and Wistaria are the two largest selling odors in the U.S. 50c an ounce.

BOOKS

Newest Fiction at 50c. Boy's and Girl's 25c Series.

FOR THE GIRLS

The Camp Fire Girls, Miss Pat, Grace Harlow's and the Little Prudy Books.

FOR THE BOYS

The Boy Allies, The High School Boys, Comrades and The Boy Scouts.

A big assortment of books to delight the hearts of the little tots. From 5c up to 50c.

CANDIES

Our Candy Department is simply overflowing with good things from 25c to 50c a pound.

Our line of Huyler's and Foss Quality and Premier Chocolates and Bon Bons in Christmas boxes is unusually inviting. Prices all the way from 25c to \$2.00 a box.

BARREL CANDY

As usual a barrel of that nice Ribbon Candy, 15c a lb, 2 for 25c.

A PRACTICAL GIFT FOR THE HUSBAND

A box of Nyals Shaving Powder or Shaving Cream, a bottle of Nyals Linic Lotion, a box of Nyals Face Cream and a box of Nyals Mayflower Talcum Powder, and a Styptic Pencil all for \$1.50.

TOILET SOAPS

All the leading makes. We feature Nyals Toilet Soap, 10c a cake, 3 for 25c.

The items listed in this ad should afford some valuable gift suggestions. and bring it with you when you visit our store.

Make a list of things you are mostly interested in

H. S. PUSHARD,
REGISTERED DRUGGIST,
BETHEL, MAINE.

PRACTICAL, USEFUL GIFTS HERE

More and more do useful, practical holiday remembrances gain in favor with the one who receives and the one who gives, and so, for this year's giving we have collected great holiday stocks whose most prominent feature can be expressed in a word—usefulness. Useful gifts above all others should be of good quality, stylish, up-to-date and desirable in every way to serve their purpose properly. Our goods are of such character as to faithfully perform this mission.

LINENS, VERY ACCEPTABLE.

Year after year more linens are bought for Christmas gifts, as year after year grows, the custom of sensible gift giving. And it would be hard to find anywhere a more complete or more beautiful stock than what is here.

LUNCHEON SETS—Consists of a 36 inch lunch cloth, hemstitched and one-half dozen of hemstitched napkins. Splendid quality of linen. \$3.50, \$3.98, \$4.50 Set.

LUNCHEON CLOTHS—\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.50, \$2.98—Beautiful design in floral, fancy scroll and satin stripes in several sizes.

DOILIES IN SETS—98c, \$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98—Many new designs, lace-trimming, scalloped and embroidered, several sizes in each.

TRAY CLOTHS—25c, 37 1-2c, 50c, 75c, 98c—in a splendid variety of patterns neatly hemstitched.

TOWELS—Whatever your desire is in the line of towels, you will find them here. Linen hucks in large and small sizes, plain and fancy.

FANCY DAMASK TOWELS in a choice assortment of beautiful designs, 12 1-2c, 15c, 25c, 37 1-2c, 50c, 75c, 98c, \$1.00 each

SHAMS AND SCARFS—in many new designs, embroidered, lace trimmed, scalloped and hemstitched. 25c, 33c, 42c, 50c, 59c, 75c, 98c, \$1.25 each

BEAUTIFUL FUR MUFFS

Why not give her a muff for a Christmas present? There is nothing you can give that would be more acceptable, serviceable and at the same time, lasting reminder of the giver.

Muffs for \$4.08, \$5.98, \$6.50, \$9.00, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$20.00.

LADIES' GLOVES

\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50
Made of the best quality of kid. A pair of our gloves put up in one of our next Christmas boxes makes a present most acceptable to any lady. If you don't happen to get the right size, it can be exchanged after Christmas. Gloves in white, tan and black. Many have embroidered back.

BATH ROBES AS GIFTS

We have them for ladies and children. No better gift can be made, than one of these. A gift like this is lasting. Ladies bath robes made of excellent quality in a choice assortment of patterns.

Ladies bath robes, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.50.

Children's bath robes, 98c, \$1.75.

Ladies long kimono, many styles, choice patterns cut long and full, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75.

DRESS GOODS

You couldn't think up a finer Christmas gift than a dress or waist pattern of some stylish and serviceable fabric. Our stock is now in its completeness and presents a broad field for selection. You can have any pattern you choose put into a holly box.

Fine dress goods, 25c to \$1.00 1-2c yard.

Fine silks, 50c to \$2.00 yard.

Fine waistings, 25c to \$2.00 yd.

LEATHER GOODS

Right here you will find an unsurpassed line of handsome leather goods for Christmas gifts and after all, there are a few things more desirable for gifts. Every piece we show is new and fresh. A wonderful line of Bags, Purses and Bill Books.

Bags in all the new shapes, beautifully lined, many are fitted out with useful articles, 50c, 75c, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00.

Purses in new shapes, 50c, 98c, \$1.50.

CHARMING NECKWEAR

So many new neckwear novelties are being introduced, it keeps us continually on the alert to "set the pace" for the demands of our trade, and we try to keep the newest ideas coming in all the time, to attempt a description of any particular style and do justice to all would require volumes of reading. We can say that we have all that is new and desirable. The new Galt collar, new fur trimming, new Dutch and fancy bows, neatly packed in gift boxes for 25c and 50c

UNDERWEAR—Did you ever stop to think what a sensible gift, underwear will make. You certainly will find a good assortment here, and the quality is reliable and the prices very reasonable.

SILK PETTICOATS—Special Value \$1.98—Made of soft taffeta, changeable colors, neat flounce, has dust ruffle. A very acceptable gift.

UMBRELLAS—You can't go wrong when you buy an umbrella to give for a Christmas present. We have them from 50c to \$3.98

Ladies' Suits and Coats Marked Down

NOTICE SPECIAL PRICES ON SUITS

ONE LOT \$15.00, \$16.50 SUITS, NOW \$9.98

ONE LOT \$18.00 AND \$20.00 SUITS, NOW \$12.98

THE PRICES ON COATS HAVE BEEN CUT DEEP, WARM COATS IN MANY STYLES AND NEARLY ALL COLORS.

COATS for \$3.98, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.98, \$7.50, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$11.50, \$15.

A List of Useful Gifts

SILK HOSE—The present craze among women. All women like them. A splendid gift, in nearly all colors, 25c, 50c, \$1.00 pair

BOUDOIR CAPS—She will certainly appreciate one of these. We are showing styles and styles of them, beautifully trimmed with lace and ribbon.

SWEET GRASS BASKETS—Many women have expressed their desire for one. Why not get her one for a Christmas present. All sizes here, 25c, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50

SKATING CAPS AND SCARFS—Very popular this season, in a large assortment in sets or separate pieces.

Caps, 50c to 98c

Scarfs, \$1.00 to \$1.50

CORSETS AS GIFTS—Where is the woman who wouldn't like a pair of corsets? A practical useful gift. You will certainly please her with one of these makes—Thomson, Royal Worcester, R. & G., and Nemo.

HOUSE DRESSES—There is nothing more useful and there isn't a woman, but what would appreciate one. Why not give her one or more. They are only \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00.

JAPANESE VESTS—A good gift to be sure, nice and warm to be worn under your coats. Very neat, made of silk by the Japanese. An excellent value, only 98c

SHAWLS AND HEAD THROWS—In a great variety of shapes and sizes, fancy crochet, very acceptable gift.

Scarfs, 50c, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50

Head Throw, 50c, 98c

SWEATER COATS—For ladies and children. A gift that will be enjoyed and one that will last a long time.

Ladies' Sweaters, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00

Children's Sweaters, 50c, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50

OUTING FLANNEL ROBES—What a useful and practical gift, extra good values are here.

Ladies' Robes, 50c, 75c, 98c, \$1.00

Children's Robes, 50c

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Thomas Smiley
DRY GOODS
SMILEY SYSTEM - SIX STORES

NORWAY, MAINE

Our Store will be open evenings, Christmas week, beginning Dec. 20th. Will be closed all day Dec. 25th.

WAISTS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

You know how much a lady appreciates a pretty waist. Why not make her a present of one for Christmas? Come here and you will find one of the best assortments. Every one is new and fresh and in best possible style.

WAISTS FOR 98c—many styles, waists of voile, neatly trimmed with embroidery and venise lace in fancy shape.

WAISTS FOR 98c—Of poplin and madras and grey flannels, plain and with stripe. Have the two way collar.

WAISTS FOR \$1.98—We are showing a large assortment of crepe-de-chene and voiles, in plain and fancy trimmed.

WAISTS FOR \$4.25—Of splendid quality, striped tab silk in blue, pink and white, two way collar, washable; an unusually good value.

WAISTS FOR \$5.50 of pussy willow taffeta, a new material of excellent quality in white and pink, has the new idea—a black bow.

WAISTS for \$5.98 of crepe-de-chene, messaline, striped taffeta and plaid silk, beautiful styles in a wide range. Many have the two-way collars.

ATTRACTIVE GIFT NOVELTIES

COLGATES COMBINED COMFORTS for ladies and gents. Don't fail to see these. An excellent gift.

75c

GIFT BOX—Contains tooth powder, talcum powder and nickelated tooth brush holder, all for 50c

SWEET GRASS PIN CUSHIONS, 25c

POWDER BOXES AND HAIR RECEIVERS, 25c each

WEEK-END TRAVELING CASES, 25c and 50c

HOUSEWIVES in many designs, 25c and 50c

LINGERIE RUNNERS in neat box, 10c

COMB SETS and separate combs from 25c to \$1.00

BARRETTs in many styles, plain and jeweled, 10c to \$1.50

HAT PINS, many new designs, 10c and 25c pair

BROOCHES, large number of designs, 25c and 50c

BEAUTY PINS AND PIN SET, 10c to 50c

TIFF CLASPS AND CUFF LINKS, 25c each

BEAUTIFUL GIFT HANDKERCHIEFS

We have them for gents, ladies and children. They are, by all odds, the one thing more generally given as Christmas presents than any other single object. We have a great display, numbering into the thousands, which shows that we have anticipated your desire. A great many new ideas have been brought out this season, and we have them.

CREPE-DE-CHENE HANKIE: CHIEFS, plain centers with lace; embroidered edges, colored crepe-de-chene with lace to match, only 25c

HAND EMBROIDERED LINENS, beautiful designs. A large assortment to select from, 25c and 50c

LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS with venise lace edge in fancy shape, 25c, 50c, 98c, \$1.00

CHILDREN'S HANKERCHIEFS in fancy boxes, 10c, 15c

HANDKERCHIEFS FOLDERS neat design, nice for sending away handkerchiefs, 5c each

5c

HANDKERCHIEFS, handsomely embroidered in white and colors. An endless assortment for 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 30c, 50c

OUR CHRISTMAS SPECIAL in handkerchiefs, extra good quality, plain linen with narrow hem. A quality seldom found for this price.

12 1-2c

PLAIN LINEN HANKEKIEFS and handkerchiefs with initials for men and women for 12 1-2c, 15c, 25c

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RUMFORD

Hon. Payson Smith, State Superintendent of Schools, was in town last Thursday and Friday for the dedication of the Stephens High School, and the Rumford Point school building. In addition to his official duties, he called upon his many friends here. Mr. Smith was formerly located in Rumford as superintendent of schools, and was a very enthusiastic member of the Universalist Church.

Much speculation, amusement, and disgust is expressed at the movements of a woman, who persists in wearing male attire, going from place to place in this section. She was recently driven out of Bemis where she had been working in the sawmill of C. B. Cummings & Son, coming from there to Rumford, while on Thursday last, she or he, boarded the P. M. train at Dixfield to go to Oquossoc where she or he is going into the lumber camps to work.

The Universalist Ladies' Aid held a very successful sale and supper on Thursday afternoon of last week. There were five tables of fancy and useful articles as well as many very artistic articles designed for Christmas gifts. The supper was on the European plan, and consisted of lobster salad, chicken croquettes, hot rolls, coffee, beans and various kinds of pies. The gross receipts were \$182.00, with a net of about \$155.

Mr. Franklin A. Martin, employed by the Maine Telephone & Telegraph Co., has just completed the installation of a No. 4 Private Branch Exchange and Storage Battery Plant in the mill of the Oxford Paper Co. This system is operated by removing receiver from hook, which signals the operator by small lights on the switchboard. There are fifteen stations, and three trunk lines installed. The storage battery plant furnishes the current for the system, the storage batteries being charged from the mill lighting system. Miss Nellie Hampden of Rumford has been obtained as the operator.

A regular meeting of the Cosmos Club was held at Hotel Rumford on Monday evening of this week, with supper to the members in the private dining room of the hotel. The paper of the evening was given by Mr. Martin L. Griffin, who took for a subject, "The Making of Our City."

Major John Hadley inspected militia companies in different parts of the state last week.

About the first of January, Herbert Ruff and Joseph Sullivan, employees of the Continental Paper Bag Co., will leave for Australia where they will superintend the installation of machinery in a mill of the Continental.

The ladies of St. Margaret's Guild are to hold their annual sale of fancy articles and aprons on Thursday of this week. Refreshments will be served.

Miss Florence Curley of Portland is working at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Justin T. Hyde on Penobscot street.

David Benyo, who has been employed at the Maine Coated Paper mill for some time past, has resigned his position and is planning to sail for his old home in Scotland this week.

John Miller and George Matheson, two millwrights employed in the International Paper mill, have discovered a zinc mine on Heminway Mountain, about five miles from Rumford. Mr. Miller is an experienced mineralogist, and in company with Matheson has prospected the territory for miles around. They found rock in which was ore which Mr. Miller quickly recognized as zinc. They investigated and found that there was an immense quantity of the ore. They sent 10 pounds of the rock to Mr. Eddy, of the State Bureau of Industry, who in turn sent the rock to Prof. McKee of the University of Maine for treatment. Prof. McKee found in the 10 pounds of rock over three pounds of the best quality of zinc. Messrs. Miller and Matheson kept their discovery a secret until they obtained an option on the land from Mr. Davis. They have purchased the property and intend to work the mine at once.

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WOMEN'S WOES

Bethel Women Are Finding Relief at Last

It does seem that women have more than a fair share of the aches and pains that afflict humanity; they must "keep up," must attend to duties in spite of constantly aching backs, or headaches, dizzy spells, bearing-down pains; they must stoop over, when to stoop means torture. They must walk and bend and work with racking pains and many aches from kidney ills. Keeping the kidneys well has spared thousands of women much misery. Read of a remedy for kidneys that is endorsed by people you know.

Mrs. Lola M. Lary, Bethel, says: "I was troubled by my kidneys for several years. If I did any work, I felt tired. I suffered intensely from backache and I also had much trouble from the kidney secretions. Dean's Kidney Pills gave me relief as soon as I began taking them."

SOME TIME LATER, Mrs. Lary said: "Dean's Kidney Pills are a mighty fine medicine and I am glad to confirm my former endorsement."

Price, 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Dean's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Lary had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

prize to Mr. Stephens.

Mr. Frank A. Martin left on Thursday for Madison, where he will remain for several weeks for the Maine Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Miss Leyina Irish, who has been head nurse at the McCarty Hospital for several years past, has now taken a room in Rumford and will do private nursing about town. Miss Blanche Whynnaught, who graduated from the same hospital about a month ago is now established at Mrs. Charles E. Howes on Washington street and will do the same line of work.

Friday last being the birthday of Mrs. Nathan P. Israelson, her friends gave her a surprise by assembling at her home in Stratfield Park and announcing the fact that they had come for an evening of auction bridge. The evening was most pleasantly passed at that interesting game, and Mrs. Israelson was presented with a bridge jacket by the crowd attending, as a birthday gift. Chafing-dish goodies were brought by the guests, and served after the evening's game. Among those who were in the party were: Mrs. Harry Tozier, Mrs. Charles E. Howe, Mrs. Emerson O. Ames, Mrs. H. L. Elliott, Mrs. Ralph Lockwood, Mrs. Leopold Schonauer, Mrs. Benjamin Schwandt and Mrs. Fred Atwood.

Mrs. James V. Harris of Prospect avenue entertained on Friday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Lattimer, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., who is her house guest. The afternoon was pleasantly passed in the playing of auction bridge, eleven tables being set up for the afternoon's play.

On Friday evening of this week the Rebekah Lodge of this town will have a Past Noble Grand night, that is, all the chairs being filled by Past Noble Grands of the order. A supper will be served at 7 P. M., and an entertainment will be given in the evening.

Mrs. Helen Williamson of Farmington is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Eaton of Franklin street.

A bad freight wreck, in which no one was hurt, occurred on the Rangeley Division of the M. C. R. R., Sunday afternoon about three o'clock, near Roxbury. Eight cars of pulp were derailed, four cars being thrown entirely clear of the road-bed, and completely demolished, while four other cars were off the track, and the track torn up for a distance of two hundred feet. Wrecking crews were sent out from Rumford, and worked until midnight to get the tracks clear and repaired for resumption to train service. Big crews of men worked on Monday loading up the scattered pulp wood and picking up the wrecked cars, some of which were so badly broken up that they were burned on the spot. The cause is given as a broken wheel.

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WEST PARIS

Mrs. A. E. Marshall has been quite poorly, but is improving.

Ellsworth D. Curtis took a hunting trip to Upton last week. While away he had the misfortune to have his horse break through a barn floor and lame it very badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mann and daughter, Persia, were at Norway, Sunday, to attend the Peterson-Mann wedding.

Alton Rowell is very poorly.

The stores are looking very attractive in holiday attire and have a nice line of Christmas goods.

There will be a union Christmas tree and exercises at the Baptist Church in which the three Sunday Schools of the village will unite.

All of the stores and business concerns are putting out their usual attractive calendars, but the most beautiful we have seen are from the store of G. A. Smith and are handsome and expensive. They make a real Christmas present.

School closed Friday with the exception of the high school, which has one week longer. The teachers with the exception of Miss Wall, principal, have gone to their homes. The primary and intermediate grades enjoyed a Christmas tree, Friday. On Thursday evening the scholars held a social at Centennial Hall.

Gorham, N. H. Lodge of Rebekahs were invited to visit Owaud Rebekah Lodge last week and 15 members responded to the invitation. Owaud Rebekah nominated officers and did dress work. A program was given at the close of the entertainment. Supper was served to the visitors and refreshments at the close of the work.

Independents, Wednesday evening the Lithuanian Band and the Brass Band will give a street concert from 6.30 to 7.30. Thursday evenings band concert will be given at the Institute by the Boys' Band. Friday evening a basket ball game between the High School and the Institute team, and Saturday a marathon race from the watering trough at the head of Congress street to the depot and return twice, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes denoted by dealers. Fire engine demonstration twice each day on Congress and Canal streets. Master Leo Lyons, the 10 year old boy soprano, dancer and impersonator, will be at Mechanics Institute on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, also on the afternoons of those days.

Two alarms of fire from box 26 early Tuesday morning called the department to a brisk fire in the building belonging to Henriette Coulombe on River street. It caught in the bear shop in the basement of that building, spread up through the building, and caught on the roof of the next building belonging to John Wiskont. The buildings were pretty well gutted, and the loss to Mrs. Coulombe was quite severe, although partly covered by insurance. Wiskont had insurance on his building, but none on his furniture lost.

It was discovered on Monday that the house on Pine street owned and occupied by George Pettengill had been broken into and ransacked from top to bottom. The family have gone south for the winter months, and the key has been left in charge of Mrs. R. L. Melcher. On Monday, Miss Bertha Israelson noticed that things did not look as usual from the outside view, and going over to Mrs. Melcher's she made it known to them. Mr. Philip Israelson and Mrs. Melcher immediately went over and found things in a terrible condition. A barrel of cut glass was already packed in a wheel barrow and left at the cellar door to be taken away as soon as the thieves considered it safe to do so. The police were at once notified, and all efforts are being made to locate the guilty parties.

A chimney fire in a house on Spring avenue owned by M. A. Lord caused some little damage on Monday night, but the loss is fully covered by insurance.

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Cut out winter Go to summer

California



What you save in coal and extra clothes bills, and other winter necessities in the East, will pay for a few months stay in California.

You can go there on the California Limited train of luxury, or travel economically in a tourist sleeper.

Fred Harvey meals, too.

The Grand Canyon of Arizona is on your way. Ask me for folders.

B. W. Manning, Gen. M. E. Agar
A. T. & S. F. Ry.
326 Washington Street, Boston

ANDOVER

Mrs. Alexander Jackson received word last week of her sister's sudden death and she and Mr. Jackson left in the afternoon for Boston, where they will remain this winter.

Mrs. Abbie Poor, who has been visiting friends at Rumford, returned to Andover, Tuesday, of last week and is living in her house on Main street, recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jackson.

Miss Ellen Akers, who has been visiting her brother, Nathan Akers and family, at Rumford, returned home, Monday.

Bert Dunn and family and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomas were guests Sunday of Roger Thurston and wife.

Benjamin Russell and party from So. Paris were hunting at C. Pond the first of the week.

Fred Grover was at Rumford, Monday.

Irving Hanson, wife and daughter, who have been visiting at Y. A. Thurston's, returned home, Monday. Mr. Hanson carried an eight point buck with him that he shot at C. Pond last week.

The Ancient and Honorable Whist Club held their first meeting, Saturday evening at Mr. C. A. Rand's. Nineteen members were present. Prizes were won by Mrs. C. A. Rand and G. J. Swett, 1st; and Mrs. Smith and C. A. Rand, 2nd. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. E. E. Bedell, Mrs. Y. A. Thurston and Roger Thurston were at Rumford, Monday.

The schools in town will close Friday for a three weeks' vacation.

Miss Bertha Poor leaves this week for Florida where she has work for the winter.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational Church held their annual sale in the Town Hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 8th. The ladies in charge of the booths were: Fancy work: Mrs. Frank Newton, Mrs. Fred Milion, Mrs. Y. A. Thurston and Mrs. Abbie Poor. Aprons: Mrs. Wirt Lovejoy, Mrs. Girdner Swett and Mrs. R. A. Grover. Buttons: Mrs. Lucy Elliott, Mrs. Gandy, Mrs. Arthur Lang, Ethel McAllister and Ellen Akers. Christmas Tree Mysteries: Mrs. I. E. Mills, Mrs. Frank McAllister, William Tollet Goods: Evelyn Smith and Alice Andrews. A harvest supper was served in the lower hall from 6 to 8 o'clock with Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Olive Drässer and Mrs. Albert Crossman in charge. About seventy dollars was realized from the sale.

A variety shower was given Miss Geneva Burgess, Thursday evening, Dec. 9, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harry Thomas. About thirty friends were present and enjoyed the evening very much. Daity refreshments were served. Miss Burgess received many nice presents.

Sadie Bailey is spending a few days with Mrs. Lucy Elliott at North Rumford.

Mrs. A. J. Marble from Rumford Point was in town last week, buying sheep.

Mrs. Lucy Elliott of North Rumford was in town, Monday.

The King's Daughters will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. R. A. Grover.

Goo Learned shot two nice deer at C. Pond last week.

Jesse Glover and wife visited at Sylvanus Learned's, Sunday.

account by the practical farmer, are omitted from the following statement.

The items included are amount paid for sheep, cost of labor in care of sheep and growing crops for the sheep, cost of purchased food and fair allowance for hay and straw fed, the cost of slips and other medicines, and the cost of the seed for crops.

The 75 sheep, with their 65 lambs and three purchased bucks, cost, including freight, \$753.15. These ewes were to be two and three years old. Some of them were eight years old. Each was to have at least one lamb. There were only 55 lambs for the 75 ewes. At the valuation put upon the sheep in inventory in 1914, these sheep were worth at time of purchase, \$812, or \$14.15 less than we paid.

In the following account, this item of \$14.15 is deducted from the expense account as perhaps not being a fair charge against the experiment, for possibly another buyer might have purchased his sheep at our inventory price.

The sheep are credited with lamb and wool sold, with manure produced and with inventory (June 30, 1915) of 61 ewes three years or more old, 22 yearling ewes, three bucks, 42 ewe lambs and 31 buck lambs.

The cost for seed, sheep, food, labor and medicines, aggregated, \$1300.63 for the year ending June 30, 1915.

The sales and inventory aggregated \$1618.37. The total loss after making all allowances and without any consideration of overhead charges, depreciation of plant, rent of land, interest on investment, or taxes that a farmer would pay, was \$357.76, or about \$3.46 for each of the old ewes.

The wool and lambs were sold as well as the ordinary farmer could expect.

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NORTH NEWRY.

Mr. Mell Sawyer of Lewiston has
been spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. H. H. Harrington.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Wright, Mr. and
Mrs. L. E. Wright and son, Dayton, went
to Hallowell, Sunday.

J. O. Chapman has purchased a pair
of horses of a party in Gilford, Me.

Luella Lord went home, Monday, after
a week's visit at R. W. Kilgore's.

There will be a dance at Newry Corner,
Saturday night, Dec. 18.

H. M. Kendall of Sunday River was
in this place, Friday.

W. J. Kilgore has returned from
Grafton, where he has been gilding a
party.

Dan Forbes was a guest at R. W. Kilgore's,
over Sunday.

Brown's boarding house is closed and
Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy are working for
H. O. Chapman.

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GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

I want to go back to the valley,
To the happy old homestead of yore,
Where the loved ones this Christmas
will rally.

In a family reunion once more,
How I long to see father and mother—
And they write me they're "home-
sick" for me—

And I'll greet again sister and brother
(The latter comes home from the
sea.)

And I care not how cold be the weather,

If it's snowing I will not complain,
For we're going to gather together
(Our family) this Christmas again.

And the old house with mirth will be

ringing.

Will ring to the echo with glee,
And we'll celebrate, too, with some
singing.

Ah, what a gay time there will be!

And we'll feast on an old-fashioned
dinner,

For father a turkey will kill,
And mother at cooking's a winner—

Her meals would an opium thrill,
Oh, the thought of it acts me a-tingle.

That scarce of rejoicing and cheer,

When we rally again round theingle

In that family reunion each year!

The old home at Yuletide is calling,

It echoes reach many a shore,

And the city then on me is palling—

It ne'er seemed so empty before.

So tonight, boys, I leave for the valley,

For the happy old homestead of yore;

Where the loved ones this Christmas
will rally

In a family reunion once more.

—W. Herbert Dressing.

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IF WOMEN HAD A VOTE.

If women had the right to vote they'd

down the demon rum,

An' shot up every gamblin' place,

"twixt here an' kingdom come;

They'd sterilize the city streets an' ele-
vate the polls,

Till vice an' crime would have to hide
In their respective holes.

Then when these cruel monsters got

their ugly features hid

The nation's womanhood would go an'
set upon the ill;

For woman is commissioned to reform
the world, although

Just by casually observin' you might
never think 'twas so.

If women had the right to vote we
fellows couldn't chaw.

An' smokin' 'wid tobacco would be
plum agin the law;

We'd never smell the fragrant weed in
street or train or room,

We'd have to use patchouli or some
feminine perfume.

But civic right an' righteousness in
mighty streams would run—

We'd never see another spot, not even
on the sun;

The great millennium would dawn,

then suffrage leaders say,

An' sorrow, sin, an' sickness would
forever flee away.

Now by her ever-changin' form, divin'-
er than of yore,

An' by her superstructure, which she
calls her pompadore,

By all her charm an' wit, an'

by the great horn spoon,

She ought to have the ballot, an' she
ought to have it soon.

Her husband an' her father, an' the
other powers of sin

Are holdin' back the golden age—that's
why it don't begin;

Let loose them tides of goodness that
are waitin' to be hurled

By the power of votin' woman on a
poor defenseless world.

(Clarice W. Riley in New York Times.)

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"MY DREAMS."

In a corner of my heart,

All hidden away from view;

In a sacred place apart,

Are my dreams that never came true.

When the sun is in the west,

And the weary day is done,

And the winds have sunk to rest,

They come to me one by one.

When the lights are burning low,

When the moonlight softly beams,

And the shadows come and go,

They are with me true—my dreams.

These dreams of a love with you,

Or the never-to-be seems,

These visions you never knew,

Dear God, they are sweet—my
dreams.

And then when the night is done,

And I know they are all in vain;

I lay them out by one,

Away in my heart again.

In a corner of my heart,

All hidden away from view;

In a sacred place apart,

Are my dreams that never came true.

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By G. E. Conkey.

When you have their new home ready
to receive the birds, your next considera-
tion should be to see that they have
plenty of room. If they are at all
crowded, there will be danger of dis-
ease and the birds will also become
treacherous.

The proper care of the breeding birds
and a maximum of healthy, vigorous
chicks are very closely related. The
latter is impossible without the former,
for it is only natural that if the par-
ent bird's strength, health and vitality
are not maintained in the highest de-
gree, it cannot yield a high percentage
of fertile eggs or impart strong vitality
to the chicks that do hatch.

We will assume that you have care-
fully selected your breeding birds, tak-
ing only those that were well shaped,
strong, healthy, vigorous and of known
egg producing ability. The next step
then is to house them separately from
the general flock, so that you can keep
a close watch on them and see that they
get into the very best of condition.

The first requisite to getting breed-
ing birds into condition is to make no
attempt to get eggs from them during
the latter part of December and the
early part of January. During this
time the birds should be fed for con-
dition only—that is, they should re-
ceive enough food to keep them strong
and well but not enough to supply them
with any great surplus.

In addition to this, the males and
females should be confined separately
until about two or three weeks before
you will be ready to save the eggs for
hatching. Better vitality is thus as-
sured.

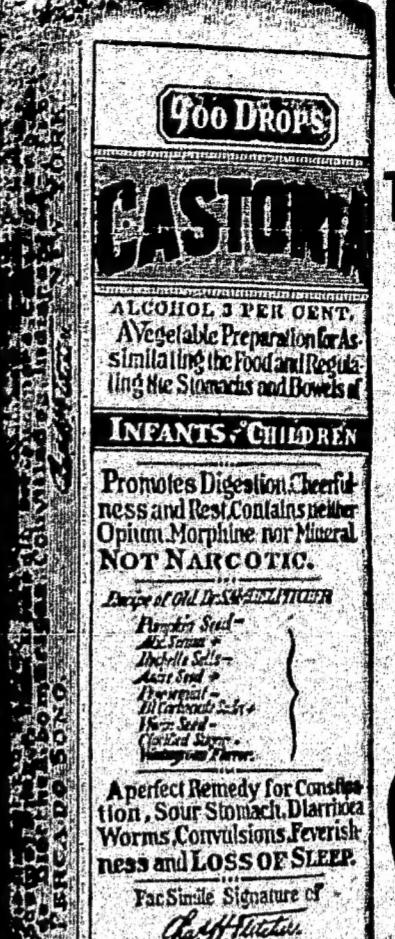
This separate housing of male and
female breeders may seem like a big
problem, but it is worthy of the most
careful consideration. If the birds are
subjected to any adverse condition, it
not only hurts their vitality but also
lowers the percentage of fertility in the
eggs desired later for hatching. Many
poultry owners settle the housing prob-
lem satisfactorily by dividing off part
of the regular poultry houses for the
breeding birds or by fitting up some
other building that can be spared tem-
porarily and confining them in it.

If it is necessary to use a building
ordinarily intended for other purposes,
see that it has a sound roof; that all
cracks are tightly closed, so as to prevent
draughts; and that it has enough
windows in the south or southeast side
to afford the interior plenty of sunlight.
These are important essentials to main-
taining the strength, health and
vitality of the breeding birds. With
them looked after, it will be an easy
matter for you to put up a few nests,
roosts, a droppings board eight or ten
inches below the roosts, and to spread
a deep layer of clean litter over the
floor.

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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Continued from page 1.

The dishonest methods by which trade is sought through cutting prices on standing articles of merchandise and "making it up" on inferior goods which are sold at prices far above their value. The sentiment among the Congressmen who have returned to Washington, clearly indicates that they feel that the time has come for the federal government to help enforce responsibility in merchandising, in the interest of the consumer; and in the aid of the country merchant, who is being driven out by the mail order and catalogue houses. The evidence is all to the effect that the small merchant must do his business in a fair and square manner, in order to hold the patronage of the public. On the other hand, this same exacting public follows the lure of fictitious "bargains", and whether it be in his Christmas shopping, or at any other period of the year, the number of people who make their money at home and send away for goods, is constantly increasing. The small merchants all handle brands of nationally known goods which are called by name by their customers. Now Congress, through the Stevens bill, proposes to stop the catalogue and mail order houses, and some of the large city stores, from using cut-throat methods in handling established lines of goods as a bait in moving inferior articles.

The results of investigations by the Bureau of Corporations and Federal Trade Commission, as well as the report of a committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce, all find in favor of consistent regulation of resale prices.

And when this is done, the small town will, in a measure, come into its own.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE IN WASHINGTON.

The leaders of the woman's suffrage movement have evidently not been disheartened by reason of adverse results in the fall elections, and a campaign is under way at the national capital to center efforts upon Congress. The suffragists wish to secure an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that will give full and nationwide enfranchisement to women. There will be requisite a two-thirds vote of each of the houses, after which the amendment would go to each of the States for ratification. When two-thirds of the States have accepted an amendment the fact is duly promulgated and the law becomes effective.

The suffrage leaders can do business much better with small bodies than with large ones, and they therefore feel that more could be done by the national movement, as Congress would pass the measure along to the States, and the suffragists would concentrate their efforts upon one legislature after another until they had secured thirty-six ratifications.

The attitude of many of the administration leaders is in opposition to this program, and among those who are opposed is President Wilson, who insists that the States should take the matter up and settle it. In view of the recent elections the women are hardly satisfied with this method. They ascribe their defeat to various causes and the woman's Congressional Union, which has taken upon itself the responsibility for fostering the movement in Washington, is giving plenty of signs of activity.

A good many Congressmen who have been prominent in the suffrage cause, have rather weakened in their activity since the recent elections.

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Leslie Davis' brother from Hanover visited with him over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rand, Curtis Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Farrington and daughter, Ruth, were in Norway, Friday, to attend the picture play, "The Birth of a Nation."

Mrs. George Tirrell and son, Lewis, were guests of friends in South Paris this week end.

Frank Cummings of Milton, was in town, Sunday.

The teachers of Bethel and Greenwood met at the schoolhouse, Friday afternoon, and held a very interesting teacher meeting.

Rev. J. H. Little of Bethel preached at the Union Church, Sunday. George Tuttle was in Norway, Friday. One Lot Hats—your choice \$1.00 at L. M. STEARNS'. Adv.

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MESA VERDE DISCOVERIES.

Enos Mills, Rocky Mountain Naturalist, Describes Results of Excavations—Under A Great Mound—Splendid Prehistoric Structure of Cut and Polished Stone, Probably a Fortress in Prehistoric Days.

The exploring excavations in the Mesa Verde National Park which the Department of the Interior is conducting under the direction of Dr. Jesse W. Fewkes, of the Smithsonian Institution, are successful to a degree scarcely anticipated when the work was begun.

Thus said Enos Mills, author and naturalist, when interviewed at his home under the shadow of Long's Peak. He has recently returned from an examination of the work so far accomplished by the busy scientists.

"The new excavation," continued Mr. Mills, "is across the canyon from the famous Cliff Palace. This palace, as the remarkable prehistoric city is foolishly called, stands beneath the rim of the east side of the canyon, while the astonishing structure first unearthed stands upon the rim of the west side.

Of Cut and Polished Stone.

"For many years visitors to the Mesa Verde National Park have noticed a huge mound opposite the Cliff Palace with trees growing upon it. It has aroused a great deal of curiosity, and many have been the speculations concerning its meaning, especially when stones were discovered emerging from it that evidently had been cut by tools in the hands of man. It is this mound which the Department of the Interior determined to explore and under which Dr. Fewkes has just found the most remarkable prehistoric structure north of the Aztec architecture in Mexico.

"This splendid structure is of cut and polished stone. The building has the form of a capital D. The straight elevation is 213 feet long and the curved part 245 feet. The outer walls are double, and between them are a series of narrow rooms. As the outer walls are unbroken, the entrance to this building must have been either subterranean or by the means of ladders through the top.

Dr. Fewkes' Theory.

"Dr. Fewkes believes the ruin was an uncompleted fortress abandoned when the cliff dwellers disappeared from the Rocky Mountain region. He does not think the cliff dwellers were exterminated, however, but believes that, about the time they abandoned their unfinished fortress they had become strong enough to leave their mountain refuges and mingle with the tribes of the lowlands. After that, perhaps, they became amalgamated with the various Indian races and lost their separate identity.

"At Moki Spring, a short distance from these ruins, there are a number of other tree-grown mounds very similar in appearance to the one just excavated. Here and there cut stones are exposed in these. It is possible that there is a buried city beneath these mounds. Dr. Fewkes hopes next year to find whether or not there is a buried and prehistoric city concealed beneath."

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BETHEL AND VICINITY.

We wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas.

Miss Alice Willis was in Auburn the first of the week.

The Wellfallott Whist Club met with Mrs. Harry Brown last Friday evening.

Miss Maria Pease, who has been spending a few weeks in Boston, has returned to Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carter are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son, Dec. 14.

Miss Kathryn Bryant of Bangor is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in town.

Mr. Wm. Bingham, 2nd, has returned from New York and Boston, where he has been spending a few weeks.

Mr. Albert Burke has opened a plumbing shop in the rear of Chas. L. Davis' shop on Main street.

Mr. Dan Smith had the misfortune to hurt his ankle quite badly while working at Bryant's Pond, last week.

Mr. Wallace A. Merrill of Portland is spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ellen A. Merrill.

The Rumford Falls Times has the following: "The school children of Oquossoc have sent a fine Christmas tree to Francis Woodrow Sayre, grandson of President Wilson. Contributions from them raised 208 pennies to pay the express. The tree was set up in the school yard, the children danced about it and each one kissed a tip of a branch. Incie Whittier, one of the pupils, and a lineal descendant of the poet, placed the tag on the tree, which bore the address and the inscription of the donor. It is said that moving picture photographers took views for the Pathé News. At all events the tree was photographed and the children marched to the train with the tree. The idea was originated by the teacher, Miss Edith Farwell, of Bethel."

Three boys of Wolf Patrol, Troop II, of Bethel, Me., took quite a hike last Friday, when Robert Hanscom, Lawrence Kimball and Eugene Van Den Kerkhoven walked to the Ice Caves of Greenwood and back the same day, and voted it a fine tramp.

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Miss Mae Wiley was in Norway, Friday.

Dr. J. G. Gehring was in Boston a few days recently.

Mrs. J. G. Gehring has been spending a few weeks in Boston.

Mr. Frank Robertson of Portland was visiting relatives in town last week.

Mr. W. J. Upton has returned from Boston, where he has been spending a few days.

Sheriff Harry Hastings and Claude Goddard went to Berlin, Monday, returning in the afternoon.

Mr. B. W. Kimball left Thursday for the Magalloway region for the winter, as scaler for the Berlin Mills Co.

Mr. Clyde Lowe and Miss Marjorie Lapham of Bryant's Pond were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole.

Judge A. E. Herrick, E. C. Park, Esq., and H. H. Hastings, Esq., attended Probate Court at Paris the first of the week.

Mr. Chester Wheeler won first on cream and second on dairy butter at the Maine Dairy Association meeting in Lewiston, recently.

Among those who are attending the State Grange in Portland this week are: Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mason, Rev. J. H. Little, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Farwell, Mrs. Fred Taylor.

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as they Join the
Circle at Evening

WHO WILL LET E

I hear the bells; they sing

Like drops of shaken

I hear a hundred voices

"Old Christmas comes

And yet his feet go down

Unheard amid the din;

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THE HOME CIRCLE.

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

WHO WILL LET HIM IN?
I hear the bells; they slide and fall.
Like drops of shaken rain;
I hear a hundred voices call;

"Old Christmas comes again!"
And yet his feet go down the street;

Unheard amid the din;

At every door his hand will beat,

But who will let him in?

I see him stand and knock, my friend,

I hear the tick o' the clock, my friend,

Before the crow o' the cock, my friend—

Now who will let him in?

He brings the glow of long ago,

The silken kiss of curls,

When down the middle to life and

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We led the rows of girls.

Across our eyes a mist will rise,

But not a mist of pain;

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The thoughts that make us laugh or

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The flowers that never fall;

The hope that guards the world from

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The peace we work to win;

The light that rises clear and strong

When darkness folds us in;

The love that keeps us brave, my

friend,

The kindness that forgave, my friend,

The peace that comes to save, my

friend—

'Twas Christmas let them in.

I rise and gaze across the night;

The night is cold and bare,

But yonder, see, a little light

Is burning, like a prayer!

Oh, some are high, and some are low,

But all are mortal kin;

The stars look down, and who may

know?

Which heart hath let him in?

I see him stand and knock, my friend,

I hear the tick o' the clock, my friend,

Before the crow o' the cock, my friend—

Now who will let him in?

—Canon Frederick Laugbridge.

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CHRISTMAS JOYS.

To most children, and indeed, I think to nearly everyone, Christmas is the best day, and the crowning holiday of the year. The day longed for and anticipated by all who live in this broad land. Thanksgiving and the Fourth of July belong more especially to the American born, but Christmas belongs, and always has belonged to all countries and nations. From whatever land or country you, my sister, may have come—you have known and loved the Christmas season all your life. The Christmas spirit lives in all lands, by whatever name you may have known it. The real spirit of Christmas never changes. "Kris Kringle"—"Santa Claus"—"The Christ Child" all breathe forth the spirit of loving giving. Some people are trying to make us believe that the old Christmas spirit of love is lost in a spirit of mercenary exchange of gifts; but if we mothers have done our part, our children have grown up with the love of giving as well as of receiving. Of course we

all love to receive gifts, for they tell us of the continued remembrance of our friends for us, even if we are no longer children.

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CHRISTMAS CANDY.
Peanut Brittle—One pound of granulated sugar, melted in a skillet but not scorched. When melted, add a lump of butter, size of a walnut, and one quart of finely chopped peanuts. Stir well, and pour a little on a buttered board; roll thin with a buttered rolling pin, as it hardens quickly; continue until all is formed into sheets.

Peanut Creams—Break into a bowl the white of one egg; add one tablespoonful of orange juice, and into this gradually stir sufficient sugar to make a thick paste. Mix with it one teaspoonful of finely chopped peanuts. Form into balls, roll in pulverized sugar and lay on buttered dishes to dry. When dry, each can be dipped into melted chocolate if preferred.

Maple Caramels—Two cupfuls of brown sugar, one and one-half cups of maple syrup, one-half cup of cream and one tablespoonful of butter. Test the cooking as for chocolate caramels. Pour on buttered shallow pans. Cut in squares when cool. Nuts can be sprinkled on the greased pan before pouring, or stirred into the caramel just before moving from the fire.

Chocolate Fudge—One-pound cake of chocolate, two pounds of granulated sugar, one cup of cream or rich milk, one teaspoonful of vanilla, a large-sized piece of butter, about an eighth of a pound, a good-sized pinch of salt. Dissolve the chocolate over the tea kettle, then mix with it the sugar and cream and return to the stove. After it comes to a boil, stir in the butter and salt. Boil until the mixture forms a very soft ball when dropped in ice water. It should have just consistency enough not to go to pieces when picked up. Beat vigorously, stirring in the vanilla when the candy has cooled slightly. Pour into buttered pans, and when almost set, mark in squares with a knife. This is also an excellent icing for chocolate cake.

Open Caramels—Two cups sugar, three-quarters cup thin cream, butter the size of a walnut, one teaspoonful vanilla. Place ingredients in a granite saucepan and bring slowly to a boil. Cook until candy forms a soft ball in cold water. Remove from fire and place pan of hot candy in a pan of cold water for three minutes. Stir until creamy. Pour onto a buttered pan and cut into squares.

Cocanut Caramels—Use above recipe, and when ready to stir, add one shredded coconut.

Nut Chocolate Caramels—Three teaspoonsful butter, one-half cup milk, two cups molasses, three squares chocolate, one cup brown sugar, one-half pound black walnut chopped. Cook the same as above caramels.

Old-fashioned Caramels—One-half pound chocolate, one-half pint cream, one-half pound sugar, three-quarters cup syrup, two teaspoonsful butter. Melt the chocolate, add sugar, cream and syrup, and when boiling, add the butter. Stir all the while, test in cold water, and when it forms a hard ball, remove from the fire. Pour into an oiled platter to the depth of one-half inch. When cool, cut in squares and wrap in paraffine paper.

RUMFORD POINT.

Now the law is on deer, people can go into the woods and cut their winter fire wood without fear of being shot by deer hunters.

J. F. Martin, Forest Ladd, J. H. and P. B. Martin and Dwight Elliott are cutting and yarding pulp.

Eldon Knight is moving into camp on Horse Shoe Valley, where he has a pulp job.

A. S. Stearns and G. P. Hoyt are building a mill near A. B. Hoyt's.

NORTH NEWBY.

R. W. Kilgore spent Sunday night and Monday with his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Carter, Jr., at Middle Interval.

Azel Wilson of Wilson's Mills was a guest at R. W. Kilgore's, Friday night.

Miss Carrie Wight came home, Sunday, for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carter are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son, Philip Lawson, born Dec. 14.

E. B. Eames and family called at W. B. Wight's, Sunday.

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CANTON

Miss Alice Briggs of Livermore visited friends in town, Wednesday.

Mrs. Simeon B. Ellis and son, Ansor Ellis, took part in the entertainment given by the pupils of Miss M. Louise Staples at Rumford, Tuesday evening.

The Ladies' Aid of the United Baptist Church met Thursday with Mrs. C. C. Rose.

Swayse Wadlin is at home from Boston Academy for the holidays.

Miss Nina Russell, Miss Ethel Russell and Ned Russell are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Russell.

Geo. L. Wadlin has been in Portland the past week, serving on the jury at the U. S. District Court.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Forhan are visiting in Portland and No. Billerica, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Towle entertained at a Christmas dinner, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. House and children, Howard Hanson and family and Mrs. Eliza Burham of North Turner and Mr. Walter Wood of Auburn.

The horse of B. O. Waite ran away Sunday forenoon at Gilbertville, smashing the sleigh badly, but Mr. Waite escaped serious injury. The horse was caught by J. S. Barker.

Mrs. Lilla Andrews is in town, called here by the death of her mother.

Lester Richardson has gone to Massachusetts, where he will have employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Stearns entertained party at progressive whist, Dec. 8. C. F. Saunders and Gladys Davis won first prizes, Miss Grace Parker and Walter Pierie second. Refreshments were served after which Miss Ethel Warren entertained the company with several selections on the piano.

Eli Stearns has let his span of work horses to Eddie Barker for the winter. Several from home visited the school at Rumford Point, Friday.

Mrs. Rob Thurston was with her sister, Mrs. Elson Hammars, the week end.

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EAST SUMNER.

Friends and neighbors to the number of about one hundred met at the Grange Hall, Friday evening, Dec. 17, to give a surprise party to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bonney on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bonney were invited to spend the evening with a friend and later invited to the hall where their friends were assembled.

They were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. T. B. W. Stetson, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Keene, and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cobb, after which all listened to instrumental music and solos by E. B. Stetson, an original poem by Mrs. Eastman, duet by Mrs. Cobb and Mrs. Stetson, recitations by W. H. Eastman and Norton Buck, R. O. Stephens, then in behalf of friends, presented them with a generous sum of money in silver. Then all repaired to the dining room where assorted cakes and delicious ice cream was served by the young ladies present. This was followed by a social, old and young participating, until a late hour. Mr. and Mrs. Bonney are highly respected in this town, where they were born and always lived. The best wishes of a host of friends followed them to their home hoping to meet with them on their fiftieth anniversary.

SUNDAY RIVER.

Harry King was in this place on business the first of the week.

Mrs. Howard Bailey and baby, Bruce, have gone to Ellsworth, N. H., where Mr. Bailey has employment for the winter.

H. M. Kendall hauled a load of pressed hay to Fred Kilgore, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nowlin and two children called at J. J. Spinney's, Sunday.

Eli Stearns was in this place, Monday.

Chas. Frost was in this place, Saturday.

Miss Agnes Frost spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Harry Williamson.

Ella Kendall spent Sunday with her parents.

Otto Lane is cutting wood for J. L. Foster.

H. M. Kendall has a Mr. Cummings helping him.

Sewall Walker has a new horse.

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Wednesday after a lingering illness of diabetes. Mr. Bicknell was born in Canton and was 63 years of age. He was the eldest son of the late Simeon Bicknell and Alvira Hayford Bicknell, and his entire life has been spent in Canton. He married Miss Rosella Ellis, a daughter of William Ellis and Amanda Jones Ellis, who survives him. They had one child, Albert S. Bicknell, who married Miss Vesta Foster and lives in Canton. Mr. Bicknell is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. C. O. Holt of Lewiston

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1915.

HOW TO RAISE POTATOES IN 1916 WITHOUT POTASH.

The following was made public recently by Charles D. Woods, director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station at the University of Maine:

Potatoes are the chief cash crop grown in Maine. It is of first importance for the grower to have what facts are available relative to the likelihood of obtaining a crop of 1916 without the application of potash.

Forecasting the possibility that the fertilizers in 1916 would contain very little, if any, potash, the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station began in 1915 at Arrowhead Farm a series of experiments to determine the effect of different amounts of potash. Four different mixtures were used. In each case the fertilizer contained 4 per cent of nitrogen (5 per cent of ammonia), of which one-third was in the form of nitrate of soda, and 8 per cent of available phosphoric acid. The potash varied as follows:

On one plot there was none, on another 2 per cent, on another 5 per cent and on another 8 per cent. The plots were one-half acre each and they were planted in duplicate. The land had been in grass for two years, one year in oats and the year before that had been in potatoes. No fertilizer had been used since the potato crop of 1911. In each case the fertilizer was applied at the time of planting, at the rate of 1500 pounds per acre. Other than the amount of potash used, all the plots were treated exactly alike.

Throughout the growing season the vines on both the no potash plots were a distinctly brighter green and had a healthier look than on the adjoining plots.

The difference was so marked that it attracted much attention from visitors at the farm. Although some slight irregularities occurred in the yield from the different plots, the average figures show fairly consistent increases with the increase in potash. The plots without potash yielded 110 barrels or 302 bushels of merchantable potatoes. The plots with 2 and 5 per cent potash gave practically the same yields of 116 barrels or 320 bushels per acre. This is an increase of 10 barrels from the 8 per cent plots over the no potash plots. This amount is undoubtedly large enough to be significant and to indicate that the potash increases the yield of potatoes in Aroostook County. On the other hand, 110 barrels (302 bushels) per acre is a good yield—considerably above the average and nearly double the average in the county in 1915. So far as the results of this one year are concerned, they indicate that a profitable yield of potatoes can be obtained on Aroostook soils without the addition of potash for at least one year. In a few farmers trials made by the various fertilizer companies, in which no exact records were made, satisfactory results were obtained without the use of potash by all of the growers from whom the Station has heard. Quite a number of farmers tested mixtures containing varying amounts of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and without potash. The consensus of opinion seems to be that a 5 per cent ammonia and 10 per cent phosphoric acid gave on the whole the best yields. Based upon the reports of these trials, a good many of the fertilizer companies are increasing the amount of phosphoric acid the present year. Fertilizers that normally carried 8 per cent will in 1916 carry 10 per cent available phosphoric acid. To the writer this increase in phosphoric acid does not seem to be necessary. Outside of the special fertilizer experimental plots at Aroostook Farm and at Highmoor Farm the fertilizer to be used in 1916 will carry 8 per cent ammonia (with one-third of the nitrogen in the form of nitrate of soda), 8 per cent available phosphoric acid, and no potash.

Experiments at Massachusetts, however, indicate that available phosphoric acid hastens the development of the plants at the beginning of the season and that would seem to be borne out by the farmers' experiences cited above where they had compared 10 per cent available phosphoric acid against 8 per cent available phosphoric acid. The fertilizer companies state that the difference in cost between a fertilizer carrying 8 per cent and one carrying 10 per cent available phosphoric acid in 1916 will not exceed \$1.00 per ton. It may be that this added phosphoric acid may be found preferable. Based on the 1915 results at Aroostook Farm it would not pay any man to buy potash

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absorbent soils become very sticky and soft during the rainy season. Where any considerable amount of hauling is necessary, roads over soils of this character may require to be surfaced.

Many of the materials ordinarily employed in road construction will be found too expensive for use in improving the farm roads. One or more of the following will, however, be found available and within the means of the farmer for surfacing his roads and paths: Gravel, mixture of sand and clay, chilins, brickhats from old buildings, brick-yard waste, and quarry waste. The material selected should, however, be hard enough to withstand crushing under heavy loads and possess sufficient binding power to compact well and maintain a firm, hard surface under all ordinary weather conditions.

Drainage and a good foundation are the first considerations in improving a road with a hard surface. The best possible foundation is a good earth road with a low crown. Earth shoulders may be graded upon each side to prevent the surfacing material from spreading, as in the construction of an ordinary macadam road. The material used for surfacing should be placed in a uniform layer or layers on this foundation and should be given a sufficient crown to shed the rain waters to the sides. If a road roller can be secured the material may be quickly consolidated, otherwise, considerable time will be required for it to be consolidated by the traffic. During this process the road should receive frequent attention with a split-log drag or other means for smoothing the surface and filling the ruts. On steep grades where there would be a tendency for the side ditches to wash, this can usually be overcome by providing outlets and getting the water away from the road before it accumulates in large volume. On roads where wagons will not be required to pass each other, a width of from 9 to 12 feet between ditches will usually be sufficient. The surfaced portion need rarely exceed 7 or 8 feet. There is no particular virtue in building a farm road wider than is necessary to answer the special traffic requirements.

The need or desirability of moving occasionally extra wide or heavy implements, over the roads should, however, not be lost sight of. A little foresight in the alignment of ditches, in providing ample width of gates, or of giving extra strength to culverts, may save a great deal of both annoyance and damage during some very busy period. Par surfacing footpaths, gravel, mixtures of sand and clay, and culverts will, in general, give good satisfaction. In surfacing a path with any of these materials it is well to have in mind that the service the path is to perform is to provide a firm, smooth, and dry surface for pedestrians. To provide a firm surface the material selected must bond well under all conditions of weather, and to remain smooth and dry a reasonably unyielding foundation should be provided and the drainage must be good. Too often the mistake is made of building the path so low that it becomes a drainage channel in wet weather. The path should always be slightly above the surface of the ground, or else gutters of sufficient size to carry the water should be provided. Concrete makes a most excellent walk and is now widely used for this purpose. Full details as to mixing and placing concrete for walks and other uses on the farm are given in Farmers' Bulletin No. 461, "The Use of Concrete on the Farm," which may be had free from the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

ROADS ON THE FARM.

Should Be Located With Reference to Efficiency of Farm Plant—Construction and Maintenance.

The private roads on the farm differ in general from the public roads only in the amount and kind of traffic which they carry. The fundamental principles involved in their construction and maintenance are the same. But, as the farm road is called on to bear far less traffic, the ordinary methods of construction and maintenance are so modified and the use of materials so adapted as to meet the special requirements and reduce the cost. To build the farm roads in the same manner as public thoroughfares, which carry much greater traffic, in general would be a useless waste of money.

The first consideration is the location of the roads and paths about the farm. The roads and paths are a part of the permanent farm plant. Consequently they should be so located as to best serve the purpose for which they are intended, should fit it with the general scheme of the farm, and at the same time should avoid as much as possible places which would require difficult and expensive construction or maintenance. The main consideration, however, must be to secure the highest degree of efficiency from the farm plant as a whole.

The earth road is the most common type of farm road and will probably so remain. When properly crowned, drained, and maintained with the split-log drag or other similar device, the earth road, on all but a few exceptional soils or in a few places immediately around the farm lots and buildings, can be made to answer the requirements fairly well. A little grading will in general give the earth road a crown sloping from the center toward the side ditches at a ratio of about 1 inch to the foot, and side ditches of sufficient size to carry away the storm water can usually be constructed without difficulty. If the ground is springy the side ditches may be made deeper, or the ground water may be carried away by tile drains.

The fundamental requirement of an earth road is always good drainage. This involves first, the removal of the water which reaches the surface of the road from precipitation or otherwise, and second, in certain places the removal of any ground water which reaches the road from underground seepage. Surface drainage is accomplished by securing a reasonably firm crowned roadway and providing ditches of sufficient size and with ample grade and frequent outlets. Sub-drainage to remove the water from beneath the road surface or to prevent its passage into the roadbed is usually accomplished most effectively by so-called blind drains or by means of properly located tile drains.

Roads and drives immediately around the farm yards and barns which are used very frequently are usually of sufficient importance to warrant some surface improvement. Very light or extremely sandy soils cut up badly in dry weather, while certain heavy and

"Yes, it will pay to attend the Short Winter Courses this year."

These courses are attended by both men and women. Each year young men of 18 to 20, middle aged men of 50 to 60, as well as those of all ages between are in attendance. You will find congenial, earnest, enthusiastic people in attendance.

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"General Suggestions:

Never handle chickens roughly, either before or after killing. Rough handling causes bruises, broken bones, scalded skins, and soft places in the flesh.

Undue haste on the part of the killers and pickers results in lowered keeping

quality and poor appearance of the products.

"It will pay."

The courses in Dairying and General Agriculture will begin on the first Monday evening in January and continue for four weeks. The work given in these two courses are so arranged that persons attending one course

may take all the work offered in the other course during the forenoon, the work in the afternoon being "practical work."

The courses in Horticulture and Poultry Management will begin on the first Monday evening in February and hold for three weeks. These courses are arranged so that a person in attendance on one course may during the forenoon take a few of the more important parts of the other course. The afternoons are devoted to practical work and are therefore limited to persons registered in the course.

A circular description of these courses has been prepared and will be forwarded to all persons interested. Full information concerning expenses, directions for reaching Orono, registration, etc., is given in this circular. Any one interested should write College of Agriculture, Orono, Maine. Register early as it is desirable for the Dean of the College to know as early as possible the approximate registration in order that plans may be fully made for taking care of those who plan to attend. "Will it pay?" The writer unhesitatingly says "Yes."

LEON S. MERRILL,
Dean, College of Agriculture.

HOW TO PACK POULTRY.

Specialists Recommend Methods of Handling Poultry Under Adverse Weather Conditions.

Poultry packers are urged by the specialists of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., to give unusual attention to preparing and packing their birds for shipment, particularly in the mild weather, which is widely prevalent this autumn.

Par surfacing footpaths, gravel, mixtures of sand and clay, and culverts will, in general, give good satisfaction. In surfacing a path with any of these materials it is well to have in mind that the service the path is to perform is to provide a firm, smooth, and dry surface for pedestrians. To provide a firm surface the material selected must bond well under all conditions of weather, and to remain smooth and dry a reasonably unyielding foundation should be provided and the drainage must be good. Too often the mistake is made of building the path so low that it becomes a drainage channel in wet weather. The path should always be slightly above the surface of the ground, or else gutters of sufficient size to carry the water should be provided.

The specialists, therefore, recommend the particular observance of the following methods of handling dressed poultry, which are essential to a perfect product at any time and are of vital importance whenever weather conditions are unfavorable:

Methods of Handling Dressed Poultry.

1. Keep the holding batteries for your incoming stock clean, well aired, and free from vermin, and see that the chickens have plenty of fresh water and plenty to eat.

2. Don't kill a chicken when the crop is full of feed. Give the chicken only water for 24 hours before it is killed. Feed in the crop or in the intestines of a dressed chicken causes loss of flavor and hastens decay, which more than offsets any gain from extra weight.

3. Good bleeding is absolutely essential to a good appearance on the market and retards decay. Circular 61, Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, explains the best methods of bleeding and loosening the feather muscles for dry pickling.

4. Hang the chicken by both feet while pickling. Hanging by one leg spoils the shape of the bird. Pickling on the lap gets the skin dirty and hastens decay.

5. Dry pick if possible. Scalding is particularly undesirable because it hastens decay.

6. Keep every dressed bird until the body temperature is below 35 degrees F. Never pack or ship an imperfectly chilled bird. Decay is due to imperfect chilling than to any other single factor in dressing. Dry chill, if possible. Chickens cooled in water lose flavor, decay sooner, will not cold-store as satisfactorily as dry-chilled, and are in every way more undesirable on the market. Refrigerator cars will carry well-chilled goods in good condition, but they can not chill warm goods to a sufficiently low temperature.

7. Pack in boxes or small kegs whenever possible. A large barrel makes an undesirable package, because where poultry is packed in large masses the weight of the upper layers crushes the birds at the bottom.

Second, the courses are planned to be extremely practical and deal with the real problems and practices of farming included within the scope of the course.

Third, the forenoons are given over to class room work and the afternoons are devoted to actual practice work. The general plan of "learning by doing" is thus combined with the specific and very definite instruction of the "class room."

There has probably never been a time when on account of the fertilizer and other questions the problems of farming have been more acute than they are now.

8. Wrap every head in suitable paper so that blood from one bird will not stain the appearance of another.

9. Use only good refrigerator cars and see that they are in good order.

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ice and salt the car 24 hours before loading. The car, at the end of 24 hours, should show a temperature below 40 degrees F. at a point 4 feet above the floor and between the doors.

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GREETING—Push the closed right hand with the index finger extended, diagonally upward past the chin and the mouth.

COME TO ME, OR HURRY UP!—Extend the right arm horizontally, with the fingers pointing downward, and rapidly open and close the fingers severally.

ATTENTION OR QUESTION—Hold the right hand, palm outward, with the index finger curved and drawn back. This sign is used occasionally while another person is talking. It indicates that you grasp or draw something toward you.

If you do not understand a given sign, indicate it by the gesture for a question.

I UNDERSTAND—Throw the right forearm out in front of the body, with the fingers closed, except the index finger, which is curved and drawn back. This sign is used occasionally while another person is talking.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?—Throw out the closed right hand with the index finger extended, and make dots in the air with the point of the index finger.

I OR ME—Touch the breast with the right index finger.

BRAVE OR STRONG—Hold the firmly closed left hand in front of the body, toward the right; bring the closed right hand above and a little in front of the left, and strike downward. This gesture, vigorously made, intensifies any previous statement or description.

ALONE—Hold up the index finger.

ON HORSEBACK—Place the first finger and the second finger of the right hand astride the left index finger, with all other fingers closed. The motion of galloping may be made, or a fall imitated, if desired.

TENT—Bring both hands together with the tips of the fingers touching, to form a cone.

HOUSE—Interlock the fingers of both hands, and hold them at right angles.

RUMFORD

The churches of Rumford and Mexico will observe Sunday, Jan. 2nd, as "Everybody go to Church Sunday," following the plans recommended at the recent Laymen's Missionary Convention in Portland. On this day, efforts will be made to have all the members of the co-operative churches present at both morning and evening services, and by proper announcement an invitation to urge all who are not accustomed to attend church to do so on that day. Special programs will be prepared for the meetings of the day, sermons, and music being appropriate to the day's special purpose, and in every possible way the value of the church life of the community will be emphasized. The churches co-operating are the Rumford Methodist, Baptist and Universalist churches, and the Mexico Congregational and Baptist churches, also the Virginia Memorial chapel.

The annual meeting of the Board of Governors of Mechanics Institute took place on Sunday afternoon last. Five additional governors were elected.

George A. Virgin will leave shortly for St. Petersburg, Florida, where he will spend the rest of the winter with Mrs. Virgin, who has been there for the past year.

The assessors have caused a fence to be put up at the residential end of the footbridge. This has been a very dangerous place, especially for children, as a slight slipping would carry them down the steep embankment into the river.

Miss Gladys Maxwell of Frederickton, N. B., will be the house guest of her aunt, Mrs. Catherine McKenzie, of Knox street, for the Christmas holidays.

A small building is being built near the Lincoln avenue railroad crossing, to be used as a shop for making blinds. Two employees in one of the paper mills are said to be the promoters of the new industry.

Mr. Mulligan has moved from one of the brick houses on Hancock street to his new-home on the same street, near Bartlett's Corner.

A regular meeting of Canton, Rumford, No. 3, Patriotic Militant, was held on Monday evening of this week at Odd Fellows Hall, when Major W. C. Miller of Augusta was present to inspect the Canton.

Miss Lena Farnum is playing the piano at the Majestic Theatre in place of Mr. Frank Wells, who has accepted a similar position at the Greely Theatre in Portland.

The Orino confectionery and fruit store at the corner of Waldo street and Oxford avneue, has been closed. A few months ago, Mr. Orino sold the business to Fred Martin. As Mr. Martin broke the terms of the sale by non-payment of the money agreed upon, Mr. Orino had a sheriff's lock placed on the door.

Miss Louise Bisbee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bisbee, has arrived home from LaSalle Seminary, Auburndale, Mass., to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, at their home on Lincoln avenue.

Dr. Mary Faulk is spending two weeks at her home in Hudson, N. Y. The Rumford Falls Trust Co. sent out four hundred and sixty-five Christmas savings checks, last week, amounting to \$15,478.08 to persons who joined its Christmas Savings Club last year. The Rumford Falls Trust Co. introduced the Christmas saving scheme in Oxford County, and that this method of saving has been firmly established in Rumford, is demonstrated by the increased number joining the 1016 club.

William Cyr has been appointed deputy sheriff by High Sheriff Frothingham, to succeed Everett M. Bessy, who recently resigned.

Manager Walters of Cheney Opera House has organized a Paramount Concert Orchestra which will give a series of concerts in the theatre. Receiving many favorable comments from the public, on the excellence of the orchestra during the presentation of "The Birth of a Nation," Mr. Walters conceived the idea of getting together the best men available to give the music lovers a series of concerts this winter. The personnel of the organization is as follows: Bass, Charles Leary; First Violin, Howard Webber and Lewis

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Irish; Second Violins, Harry Cohen and Merton Holt; Viola, Thomas French; Flute, John Ryan; Clarinet, Charles Brotzman and William Cyr; Cornet Archie Felt and Ralph Lockhead; Trombone, Roland Morton; Drums, William Acheson. Walter Rolfe has charge of making the orchestrations.

At the Majestic Theatre on Sunday evening last was held a sacred concert, the proceeds going for purchasing Christmas baskets for the poor of Rumford and Mexico. There are quite a number of poor families in the two towns, who will pass a miserable Christmas, under the best that can be done for them, and each little ray of sunshine that can be brought to such people, helps to soften hardships to some extent.

A new policy is to be inaugurated at the Majestic Theatre. This will consist of the Triangle Photoplays, which include D. W. Griffith, Thomas H. Ince and Mack Sennett. Griffith made "The Birth of a Nation," Ince creates the greatest dramas of the West, and Sennett is the creator of the Keystone Comedies and discoverer of Charlie Chaplin.

Rehearsals have commenced on a comic opera to be presented in Rumford under the direction of Prof. Thiele, director of the Rumford Brass Band. Among the participants will be Joan Fish, Mrs. James McGee, Chester Chaffin, Bradford Andrews and David Hayes. The latter will take the part of the king. There will be a chorus of sixty or more.

"The Methodist Sunday School held its annual Christmas concert on Sunday evening last. A "White Gift" Christmas was planned and program appropriate to the occasion was arranged. The program was as follows: Hymn, Congregation; Prayer; Tableau, "Three Wise Men;" Presentation of "White Gifts," by the various classes; exercises by the beginners; exercises by the primary department; recitation, Dorothy Wheat; vocal duet, Misses Bessie and Idyl Taylor; remarks by Mrs. L. E. Ward and Ralph T. Parker.

Mrs. Swain, wife of Road Commissioner Marshall J. Swain, has suffered a paralytic stroke and Miss Blanche Whynnaught is caring for her.

Dr. and Mrs. John A. Greene of Rumford avenue are—recieving congratulations upon the birth of a son, weighing nine pounds, born on Sunday afternoon.

Stratigraphic Commandery of Rumford, Knights Templar, No. 21, will assemble in its asylum on Saturday, Christmas Day, at noon, and commemorate, in true Templar spirit, the birth of him under whose banner they are enlisted. The call to assemble will be given out for 11 A. M., when a program of entertainment will take place as follows: Prayer by Rev. Allen Brown; music by the Universal Male Quartette; felicitations from other commanderies; song, Miss Dorothy Lincoln; offering to charity; music by the quartette; song, Miss Lincoln, with violin obligato by Miss Martha Swain; piano solo, "Cathedral Chimes," by Miss Mabel Chase. Toasts will then be responded to, beginning with the toast to the Right Embrauer Sir, Lee S. Smith, acting as Grand Master. Responses will be given by Fred O. Walker, James B. Stevenson, F. O. Eaton, Grand King of this District, Waldo Pettingill, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and Elisia Pratt. Following the toast, "In memory of our fraters who have joined the silent majority," the male quartette will give a sacred selection; the program closing with a piano solo, "Angels of Night," given by Miss Mabel Chase.

On Friday evening last, George D. Bisbee tendered a supper to the mem-

WEST PARIS

Friday evening the Universalist, Methodist and Baptist Sunday Schools will unite in Christmas exercises and a tree at the Baptist Church. A very pleasing program is being arranged and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody to come.

Alton Rowell remains critically ill and under the care of a trained nurse.

Miss Clara Bacon and Miss Agnes Gray are at home from Farmington Normal School.

Mrs. Frank L. Willis has gone to Kittiy to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Jesse S. Rose. Mr. Willis will live in the family of Loren Roberts near his mill, where he is working.

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs has returned from Portland, where she has visited her son, F. S. Briggs, and family.

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12, the sons, daughters and grandchildren of E. W. Penley gathered at his home in honor of his 70th birthday. Mr. Penley was indeed surprised and much pleased. He was presented with a gold vest chain from his wife, and a chair from the children, also a large birthday cake lighted with 70 candles, and bearing the dates 1845-1915, which was indeed very attractive. The cake was cut by Mrs. Penley and passed around. Ice cream was served, also cut cakes and salines. Mr. Penley received about 25 post cards from relatives and friends, and all join in wishing him many nice birthdays and continued good health. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Merrick of South Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Penley and sons, Albert and Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Freil Smith and son Edwin of Norway, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Penley and sons, Edward, Robert and Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunham, and Miss Alice Penley, also Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Dunham.

bors of George D. Bisbee Camp, No. 60, S. of V., at Hotel Rumford. The private dining room was given up to the occasion, twenty-nine being present. The menu included oyster stew, scalloped oysters, hot rolls, cake, coffee and doughnuts. Following the supper, speeches were made by many present, each one taking for their subject, "National Preparedness." Among the invited guests were: Rev. Mr. Foshay of the Baptist Church, Major Lucian W. Blanchard, Major John Hadley, and Captain Milliet. The annual election of officers resulted as follows: Commander, Stanley Bisbee; Senior Vice Commander, Spaulding Bisbee; Junior Vice Commander, Arthur Johnson; Secretary, Fred W. Davy; Treasurer, L. Niles; Camp Council, A. E. Stearns, Earl Spaulding and Fred O. Eaton.

The Oxford Paper Co., following its usual custom of the Christmas season, will remember its employees with the presentation of a turkey and bag of flour to each and every married man or other employee who supports a mother and father. This remembrance will require 600 turkeys and flour in bags to the extent of one carload. This included also, employees of the Maline Coated Paper Co., of which the Oxford Co. are chief owners. The Oxford Paper Co. committee arranged for by Mr. Harris, the manager, will, in conjunction with other charitable organizations, see that no family in town is without a good Christmas dinner.

The Elks Club is also interesting itself in the same line of work, that Christmas cheer may be found in all homes of the town.

Thieves broke into the store house of J. A. Garneau on Thursday night last, taking as their principal bounties, bags of flour. No tentatives as to the identity of the thieves has as yet been found, although a gray leather belt, upon which had been stitched a piece of leather of a different kind from the belt, to form a holder for cartridges and other things as well, was found. This holder contained a sheathed knife.

On Friday evening last, Rebekah Lodge of this town observed Past Noble Grand's night. Supper was served at seven o'clock, after which a regular meeting of the Lodge took place.

At nine o'clock a short musical program took place, consisting of a piano solo by Miss Mabel Chase, vocal solo by Miss Myrtle Greene, cornet solo by Mr. Archie Felt, and vocal solos by Miss Jean Moir Fish.

WINTERING IDLE HORSES.

At this time of the year practically all the heavy work on most farms has been finished, and with the approach of winter horses are more or less idle. Since idle horses give no return in labor performed, the feeding should be as economical as possible, and proper care should be taken of the animals in order that they may be in the best possible condition for work in the early spring.

Horses should not be confined to the barn during the winter on a liberal supply of grain. It is far better to "rough" them through the cold months. They should be given the run

ANDOVER

Mrs. Abby Poor left town, Tuesday, for Portland, where she will spend the winter.

Rev. Geo. Graham was in Lewiston, Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Helen Akers, who is teaching at Oxford, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, F. E. Akers and wife.

There were moving pictures Wednesday evening in the church.

Arthur Noble was at Looko's Mills, Thursday of last week.

Raymond Curtis, the high school principal, is spending his vacation at his home in Penobscot.

B. V. Russell, Winn Young, Alton Maxim and L. E. Andrews returned from a hunting trip to C. Pond, last Thursday, bringing with them five deer.

They started to So. Paris, their home, in an automobile, and got as far as South Andover, where they were obliged to leave their auto and hire team to convey them to the railroad station.

Clarence Bailey has gone to Black Brook with his team to work for Lee Thurston.

Mrs. Bert Hutchins, who has been very ill, is better. A trained nurse from Lewiston is caring for her.

Miss Harriet Thompson, who closed a successful term of school at No. 4, Friday, left town, Saturday, for Brattleboro, Vt., where she will visit a sister.

Mrs. John Caldwell is ill at the home of her son, Gay Caldwell, in Ridlonville.

Mrs. Walter Bailey and little daughter, who have been visiting her parents at Norway, are in town for a few days.

Mrs. Dame Noble was quite ill the first of the week.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Grange, Saturday.

Mrs. Olive Dresser, Mrs. Vine Mills and Mrs. Lou Milton were in Rumford, shopping, Tuesday.

Mrs. Oliver Merrill, who has been ill for a number of weeks, remains about the same.

There was an illustrated lecture in the church, Sunday evening, on the "Sources of the Jordan River," with Underwood and Underwood slides.

Miss Gladys Howard, who is teaching at Rumford, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents at East Andover.

The Whist Club met Saturday evening at C. A. Rand's. The first prizes were won by Mrs. C. A. Rand and Clayton Sweat. Mr. J. A. Dunning and Mrs. Clayton Sweat won the second.

Miss Gladys Howard, who is teaching at Rumford, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents at East Andover.

Dr. Francis Taylor was in Waterville a few days last week.

Hosen Baker went to Aziscohos last week to drive team for Ray Thurston. Bedford Corey from Rangeley is sealing lumber for the International Paper Co., and boarding at the Milton House.

Lewis Coy was in town, Sunday, and bought two cows from Mrs. Leslie Hart.

WEST BETHEL

Mrs. and Mrs. F. L. Ordway, F. L. Bean, Ernest Morrill, D. W. Cushing, Mrs. Stella Goodridge are in Portland this week to attend the State Grange.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Union Church, Saturday evening.

Miss Rachel Westleigh is very ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. B. Mason. Mrs. Lucy Cushing is helping to care for her.

SONG POND.

Mrs. Herman Brown spent Friday with her friend, Mrs. Abner Kimball. Jim Holman, with his team, is working for L. N. Kimball and boarding with John Kilgore.

Mr. Robert Gilbert of West Bethel spent Saturday and Sunday with his wife at Irvin Becler's. Mrs. Gilbert is teaching the Songo school.

Abner Kimball traded horses with Chesley Saunders one day last week.

Dr. Walker of Norway was at Abner Kimball's, Monday, to see his horse that is lame.

Mrs. Edward Lapham and Miss Blanche Emory called on their friend, Miss Beatrice Brown, at Geo. Hapgood's, Sunday.

Henry Elliot is working for Carlton Penley, and staying at Roseoe Emory's.

Miss Rena George spent the last of the week at John Kimball's.

WILSON'S MILLS.

Azelo Wilson went to Newry to meet his son, Linwood, who is coming home to spend his vacation.

The Ladies' Aid met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Roland Ripley. Refreshments of cake, doughnuts and coffee were served.

E. S. Bennett went to take a man up to Hamlin Bros. camp, Thursday.

Albert Kelly of Errol was in town one day last week.

Aunt Hannah Eckett has been quite sick with pleurisy.

Mrs. Lewis Olson was a Sunday visitor at Mrs. Azel Wilson's.

John Bennett is clerking at the Aziscohos House.

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BUCKFIELD.
The Baptist Sunday school will have a
Christmas tree at the vestry. Saturday
afternoon and a concert Sunday
evening to which all are cordially invited.
The tree is for all who wish to make use of it.

The Vesper service under the direction
of B. W. Purinton at the Baptist
church, Sunday afternoon, was a great
musical treat. The chorus work was
especially fine and the solos by Mr.
Lamb and Mrs. Purinton with violin
accompaniment by Mr. Richmond were most
pleasing.

The officers of Neznast Lodge, I.
O. O. F., were elected Saturday night
as follows: Noble Grand, G. B. Record;
Vice Grand, Osgood E. Walte; Secre-
tary, J. E. Warren; treasurer, A. T.
Cole; trustees, Ezra Keeler, C. S. Childs,
George A. Holmes.

The sale at the Grange Hall, Friday
afternoon, netted the ladies of the
Methodist church over forty dollars.

Dan Emery has bought the George
Record farm and moved his family
there Saturday.

B. Spaulding is serving on the jury
of the District Court at Portland.

Miss Gladys Merrill is the guest of
Miss Jessie Shaw.

Miss Julia Gile is home from Paris
again for the holidays.

Sister Cole is home from Taft's Col-
lege for the Christmas recess.

Hattie Gerrish is home from Mars
Hill, where he has been successfully
teaching.

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POEMS WORTH READING

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Christmas love and Christmas cheer
In our hearts and lives appear,
Only when like Christ we give
Of ourselves to all who live.

CHRISTMAS.

"Merry Christmas!"—O, what magic
Is within this joyous greeting!
It suggests sweet bells and music,
And the joy of loved ones meeting.
Life on this one day seems sweeter
Than it does on any other;
Love plays gently on the heartstrings
Of each father, child, and mother.

ONE SANTA CAN'T FIND.

Santa is good to the millionaire kid,
Finds out his stockings wherever
they're hid,
Fills them with air-gums and gold-paint-
ed alads,

Horses that rock, with glass eyes in
their heads,
Wagons and engines and first base-
men's gloves,

Every old thing that every boy loves,
All's fine and dandy, barring one
hitch—

Boys do not get them unless they are
rich.

Though I've been good as any boy's
been,

Santa behaves like I was not in;
Sometimes I hear the crack of his whip
When he goes by on his Christmas eve
trip,

So he can't say I'm not in his track,
Waiting for only a mite from his pack,
Blahks!—it's no use. The presents all
switch

Elsewhere instead, to a boy who is rich.

Except for the story books full of such
dope

Maybe I'd never "a" had any hope,
Perhaps I'd never expected a share,
Forcing a smile if my stocking stayed
bare,

While all around me the luckier ones
Got well remembered, the millionaire's
sons.

Wonder if Santa, in doubt which is
which,

Means things for me that he takes to
the right?

SANTA CLAUS' SISTER.

We stood at a crowded counter;
Little Geraldine and I;

There was only a day before Christmas
And hundreds were waiting to buy,

The shelves and the cases were covered,
And the counters were piled up high
With the loveliest things for presents
Ever seen by mortal eye.

There were books with most beautiful
pictures,

And the strangest, most wonderful
toys,

That were brought from over the ocean
On purpose for girls and boys.

There were dolls that could walk and
play tennis,

In dresses of satin and silk;
And horses to wind and set trotting,
Just so that you really could milk.

There were dogs that could bark like
the live ones

And birds of most brilliant wing,
With wings hid away 'neath their feathers

That would make them fly upward
and sing.

But the eyes of the child who stood by
me

Had wandered away from all these,
And the sparkling Christmas angels
And the miniature Christmas trees,

And were scanning the faces about us—

The faces that had lied and pressed,
And looked weary and cross with the
effort

Of getting in front of the rest—

When, grasping my hand, she whis-
pered,

With eager, childish grace,

"Oh! that must be Santa Claus' sister,
She's got such a Christmas face!"

I looked where her eyes had lighted,
And, lo! in a threadbare gown

Stood a queer, little, bent, old woman,
With a face that was wrinkled and
brown.

But the eyes that beamed out from it
Were radiant with love and joy

As, from 'mong all the beautiful
sisters.

She selected one poor, sheep toy.

And the worn, brown face was illumined
With a smile of good-will toward men

That told, were plainer than words
might.

She was keeping Christmas then.

I gazed at the form about me—

There were women in rich attire

Whose measured gold enabled

She Baked Today With

Her bread
would take the
blue ribbon at
any domestic
science exhibi-
tion; here is
a marvel of fine
lightness — and
her pastry — you
ought to taste it!

William Tell Flour

The purchase of each desire.

There were those of delicate feature,
Of gentle breeding and race;

But the queer, little, bent, old woman
Was the only "Christmas face."

In shame, from my own I hastened
To smooth the impatience and frown,

As I looked at "Santa Claus' sister,"

"In her faded, threadbare gown,

And I blessed both the child and the
woman.

For their Christmas dinner sweet,
As I pressed through the throng of
shoppers

And on in the crowded street.

—Julia Anna Wolcott, in Congregation-
alist.

CARE OF BUSH FRUITS.

Protection from Drying Winds, Snow,
and Cold Should Be Provided in
Fall—Pruning Methods.

Among the farm operations which
engage the attention of the small fruit
grower in the North during late fall,
winter, and early spring are the pruning
of the plants and their protection
from drying winds, snow, and cold.

Currants and Gooseberries.

Both of these fruits have stood with-
out injury the extremes of low tem-
perature and drying winds which pre-
vail in the northern Great Plains re-
gion. These fruits, therefore, need no
protection against the cold or winds of
winter. Sometimes, however, in re-
gions having a heavy snowfall, branches
of the currant are broken down by
the weight of snow and sleet. This
danger may be easily avoided by draw-
ing the branches together and tying
them with coarse string. The tying
may be done at any time after the
leaves fall, but it is better to do this
about the time the ground begins to
freeze.

Winter Protection of Strawberries.

In all except the extreme southern
and western districts the autumn or
early winter is the season in which
the strawberry fields should be cov-
ered with a mulch, partly to protect the
plants from the continual freezing and
thawing which occurs in many sections,
partly to conserve moisture and keep
down weeds during the following
spring and during the fruiting season,
and partly to keep the berries from
contact with the soil when they ripen.

This mulch may consist of some kind
of straw or hay or stable manure
containing a large proportion of straw,
but it should be free from weed seed.

Wheat, rye, oat, and buckwheat straw,
longleaf pine needles, prairie hay,
marsh hay, salt marsh hay, and other

timber is followed each year after the
bushes reach the age of 3 years, pruning
will be relatively simple and the
plantation kept in good condition.

Raspberries and Blackberries.

Raspberries and blackberries need
winter protection in many parts of the
North where low temperatures and dry-
ing winds prevail, especially where the
snow covering is light. Certain varieties
need protection, while others endure
the same conditions without injury.
Experience will indicate which
varieties need this. Where the cold
and drying winds are severe, as in the
Great Plains region and in Colorado,
some of the tender varieties must be
covered with soil. This should be done
as late as possible, yet before the
ground is frozen. Some of the soil
should be removed from one side of
the row either with a hoe or plow, the
canes inclined to that side until they
are in a horizontal position and then
entirely covered with soil to a depth
of 2 or 3 inches. As the canes of the
blackberry are more brittle than those
of the raspberry, they must be bent
over with greater care. Often in practice
the canes are bent over so that the
top is alongside the next hill, some
soil thrown over the ends of the canes
in order to hold them down, and the
remaining parts covered by the use of
a spade or by throwing a shallow fur-
row over the canes with a plow. The
canes should be uncovered in spring
before the buds start, but not until
after all danger of hard freezing is
past. Straw and other similar materials
have sometimes been used to cover
the canes, but are unsatisfactory, as
the air circulates through them and
does not prevent winter injury.

When the snowfall is heavy through-
out the winter, it may cover the canes
sufficiently to afford all the protection
that is needed. Sometimes, however,
in order to be adequately protected by
the snow, the canes should be bent over.
They may be held in this position
by placing a few clods of earth on the
tips; or sometimes forked sticks are
used to pin them to the ground. In
other cases rails or poles are placed
across the canes to keep them in a re-
clining position. The tips, which are
the tenderest part of the canes, should
be nearest the ground and be best pro-
tected.

Usually no pruning is given either
the raspberry or blackberry just before
or during the winter. When the canes
are to be protected with soil, however,
all the weaker canes, as well as stronger
ones not needed for the crop the
following season, should be removed.
This thinning out of the canes will re-
duce the cost of covering. In the spring
if the canes of the raspberry are long
and are not to be supported by stakes
or a trellis, the ends should be cut back.
If cut back to a height of 3
feet, the canes should be able to sup-
port their crop, keeping the berries out
of the dirt. Sometimes when the canes
are slender it will be necessary to cut
them back to 2 1/2 feet in length. The
side branches of the blackberries are
usually pruned back in early spring.
The length at which the lateral branch-
es should be left depends on the habit
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JOE The Book Farmer

by
Garrard
Harris

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"Five crops in one year from one acre—it hardly seems possible, Joe!" "It is possible, for it has been done. See here!" Joe hauled from his pocket a clipping from a country newspaper in another part of the state telling of what a progressive farmer there had done. "I found that paper in the road, and I lay awake ever so long last night thinking it over after I read about that man, and it works out all right."

"That is certainly 'farming some,'" said the schoolmaster. "And just to think—most of the people around here are satisfied to get less than one-fourth of that amount of produce from their land!"

"That sort of farming doesn't satisfy me," said Joe decisively.

"Or me, either, now I know what can be done. And, by the way, Joe, there's a commercial fertilizer concern offering a prize of \$100 to the boy in the corn club contest in the state who makes the largest crop with his fertilizer. The state chemist certifies that the product of that factory is up to standard."

"We've got to use some chemical fertilizer, and we might as well take a chance on that prize, too," said Joe. "All right; we'll go after everything. And there's a nitrate of soda firm offering another hundred the same way, but I don't know much about that stuff. Do you?"

"Yes, sir; nitrate is the quickest way for plants to get nitrogen, and that is the main element. Just scatter the stuff on the ground about corn just before it tassels and the books say it will increase the crop nearly one-third. It's fine for cotton, too—pushes it right along."

"I've never seen any of the nitrate or heard of it being used about this neck of the woods," said Mr. Somerville.

"Neither have I. The book says it comes mostly from Chile and it looks like common, coarse, dirty salt and dissolves quickly in water or by the moisture of the ground. That is how the roots get it so soon after it is applied. When it strikes the roots that plant just everlasting hustles."

"If we go in for all these things and win out, Joe, it's a pretty big prize in money alone on the corn. There's \$75 for the winner in this county, \$100 for the fertilizer and another \$100 for the altite—\$275—but that is in competition with the entire state."

"I'm going to do my level best, and when a fellow does that he'd as soon compete with the whole world as not."

"That's the way to look at it. Then there is the state certificate, with the trip to Washington—"

"I certainly want that trip," said Joe. "I want to talk to the head men of the department of agriculture of Washington and see what they are doing. I just to go right to headquarters and see for myself and learn something."

"What are you going to do with your money if you win it?"

"Well, half of it is yours, you know—No, indeed; half the crop money is mine. The prizes belong to you if you win."

"Much obliged, but I thought you ought to have half!"

"No; I'll be satisfied with the crop money."

"That's mighty good of you. Well, the first thing I'm going to do is to buy Annie a nice outfit of clothes and send her to that agricultural high school over in Limestone county, so she can learn all about cooking and sewing and raising chickens and hens and dairying, and all that sort of thing, so we can run up to date farm home."

"That's a splendid idea—our country girls are even less enlightened than domestic economy than the boys are on farming, as a rule."

"I want her to have some chances herself."

"What else will you do, Joe?"

"Why, I'll buy mother a new dress, then put the rest of the money in the bank at interest. I'll work another year and make some more. Then I'm going to the very best agricultural school in the United States and stay a year. I'll have the actual experience then and can understand and appreciate what it teaches."

"That's a pretty extensive program. Anything else?"

"Yes, sir. I'm coming back here and buy me a ten acre place and make the crops pay for it. Then as soon as I get on my feet I am going to add five or ten acres every year until I get it the size I want."

"That's the kind of talk I like to hear. Farming offers just as many and more opportunities than business. If a man will just apply business methods to it. It is the most independent and happiest life in the world."

"Then every year or so I want to go off to a good agricultural school for a month or more and do special study—keep up with what is going on—and I'll be able after awhile to give mother a good home where she won't have to work herself to death and can kind of take it easy."



"You'll do," said the merchant, shaking hands with him.

clod, and the surface of the field was level and smooth, with a slight slope to the south, which insured drainage.

Passers by on the country road began to stop and watch his operations. Most of the farmers grinned indulgently and doubted that nothing would come of all that foolishness. A few of them went to thinking, and without saying anything about it went home and gathered up leaves and trash and barnyard fertilizer and plowed an acre or so deeply, just as a matter of curiosity, to see what would happen. A few others sowed oats or rye just as Joe did.

The rye came up—a splendid, thick stand of it. In a few weeks it had spread, forming a solid mat of lucious green. Hungry hogs prowled squealingly around the heaped fence; hungry cows looked and longed and lowered disconsolately, for it was near Christmas time, and there was no green pasture available for the poor creatures, and dead grass is not very satisfying.

Jim Sullivan stopped his team in the road one day and gazed admiringly in the field.

"Get a fine stand there, Joe!" he called.

"Pretty good—yes, sir."

"What'll you charge me to let me graze these here horses in that patch awhile? They're powerful pray. I never made no feed to speak of last fall, an' if I don't strengthen 'em up some I'm afraid they won't pull through the winter."

Joe gazed at the scruffy, weak animals and felt sorry for them. He recalled the \$4 Jim had paid for the liquor last fall and thought if it had been invested in oats the horses and Jim would both have been a good deal better off.

"Why, I hardly know, Mr. Sullivan—

"I ain't got no money now, Joe, but I'll pay you next fall when my cotton comes in." Joe remembered hearing Mr. Somerville say Sullivan was mighty bad pay, that he spent every cent he could get his hands on for liquor.

"That ain't business, Mr. Sullivan. I can't afford to wait that long. Tell you what I will do, though. I saw that old white faced sow of yours with a new litter of pigs about a month ago. I'll pasture your horses here until the first of the year for two of those little pigs."

"That's a go. I'll bring 'em over and turn the horses in."

"All right, but you better call me when you come. I keep that gate locked."

CHAPTER IV:

Joe Works Unceasingly.

SULLIVAN drove on, his ungreased wagon wheels squeaking a dismal tune and the shaky wagon rattling and jingling in all its joints from being left exposed and unsheltered in all sorts of weather.

Joe went to the barn and got a sack. From the oak grove he managed to scrape up four handfuls of leaves. These he placed in a corner of the fence. Then he cut a pole about ten feet long and ran it later cornered through the wires of the two lines of fence about three feet from the ground. Several shorter ones were placed be-

hind it to the angle formed by the fence corner post.

With his hatchet he cut pine brush from the bushes in an old field and piled them on the poles in the fence corner, the stems all pointing to the front, until a thick thatch formed a sloping roof which would shed rain. Then he piled more pine brush about the two sides formed by the converging fence and climbed over and surveyed his work.

He had made a cozy rain and wind proof shelter, and he sprawled as he thought of how those uncared-for pigs on Sullivan's would enjoy it. Across the road was a spring branch and an abandoned wash tub from the house, with an approach of dirt banked to its edge, which set down and placed in the field, formed a watering place for the pigs. Joe thoughtfully put several large stones in the tub so that the water was not over five inches deep. In case one of the pigs fell in it would not drown.

Next morning Jim Sullivan brought the pigs, lively, spotted little fellows, but poor as snakes. Joe turned them loose in the field, and they began eating the tender young rye as if they were famished. Jim's scrawny horses were also ravenously devouring the green stuff. After stipulating that Sullivan was to fill the water tub each morning and evening Joe locked the gate and went up to the house.

"Mother, you and sister come with me. I've got something to show you," he said.

"All right. Come on, Annie," called Mrs. Weston. And they followed Joe down to the road to his "farm," as they called the four acres.

"Oh, brother, look at those old horses in your farm! Let's run them out!" cried Annie.

"Hurry, son! They are just gobbling your rye."

Joe laughed.

"That's what I put them in there for. I'm renting it for a pasture for awhile."

"But they are eating up the rye!" objected his mother.

"That won't hurt it—really benefits it. Those first shoots nipped off makes the roots throw out twice as many more, and makes each plant stronger and thicker."

"Oh, and there are two horrid little pigs in there too! I'll chase them out for you," said Annie.

"I thought you said that hogroot feeding would keep them out?" inquired Mrs. Weston.

"It will—and keep them in too. Those are my pigs and I put them in there. I traded pasture with Jim Sullivan for them."

"They are mighty little—and poor," observed his mother.

"I feels sorry for them—just look at their poor little ribs!" said Annie.

"Which do you like best, sis?"

"That cute little one with the white face and the curly tail!"

"All right; that's your pig, and his name is John L. Sullivan, and the other one is named Mike Sullivan."

"Oh, thank you for John L, Buddy! I just love my pig now!"

"The other one belongs to you, mother."

"Why, I'm obliged to you, son, but I hardly know what to do with it. We have no pen, you know."

"You and Annie just save the kitchen scraps for them. I'll feed them on this rye and oats awhile, and that will give them a good start. Then I'll build a pen nearer the house. If we keep them growing right each one ought to weigh 200 pounds by next fall."

"But, son, we wouldn't use all that meat!"

"No; I know that, and I didn't mean for me to eat them. I wanted you to have something for your very own—yes, and Annie. Those hogs will bring \$5 apiece or maybe more next fall. I want pen and sister to take the money, every cent of it, and buy you some new dresses and things."

Tears welled up into his mother's eyes. It had been a long time since she had bought a new dress. Her garments were really so shabby and ready that

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BLACKLEG VACCINE.

Facts to Be Remembered in Administering This Treatment—Vaccine Distributed for Individual Use.

The use of blackleg vaccine as a preventive measure has resulted, according to a recent publication of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C. on this subject, in reducing the loss from blackleg to less than one-half of 1 per cent. Where this disease is allowed to prevail the losses to cattle from it frequently exceed those from all other causes combined, and in certain badly infested regions have amounted to more than 10 per cent of the annual calf crop. In the 18 years in which the vaccine has been distributed, nearly 24,000,000 doses have been sent out, and it is estimated that at least 20,000,000 animals have been vaccinated.

Blackleg, or as it is sometimes called, black quarter, occurs practically everywhere in the United States, with the exception of the southern Atlantic and eastern Gulf States. The greatest losses, however, take place on the large ranges of the West and Southwest. Young animals between the ages of 6 and 18 months are the most susceptible to the disease, although some are attacked at an earlier age. After they are 2 years old, it is unusual for cattle in this country to contract the disease, and some authorities state that after 3 years of age the animal is immune.

A further characteristic of the disease, which increases to a considerable extent its economic importance, is the fact that it attacks chiefly high-grade stock. It is a noticeable fact that in this country blackleg has been on the increase over nine stock owners began to improve their cattle. It has also been noticed that the animals the most likely to be attacked.

The blackleg virus is not only widespread over the country, but it is extremely persistent. Once a pasture has become infected, there is no known means of making it absolutely safe, for the usual method of preventing infection from renewing itself by permitting pastures to disuse is not practicable in the case of blackleg. Instances have been recorded in which outbreaks have occurred in pastures after a lapse of 11 years.

In view of this fact, the only practicable method of controlling the disease appears to be through the general use of the preventive vaccine. This measure serves a double purpose. It not only protects the inoculated animal, but prevents this animal from spreading the disease to others after it has become infected.

"The danger of infection," says Circular No. 31 of the Bureau of Animal Industry, "must naturally diminish in proportion to the decrease of virulent material deposited upon the pastures. It is, therefore, to the interest of every stock owner who vaccinates his cattle to induce his neighbors to take the same precaution, especially in districts where it is difficult to find the animals that have died of the disease and dispose of them before they are attacked with vermin."

The vaccine which is now being distributed free by the Department of Agriculture is accompanied by directions which should enable the stockmen to administer it without difficulty. Where veterinarians are available it may be advisable for the farriers to engage one to prepare and inject the vaccine, but this is not regarded as essential.

There are, however, a number of important points on which there appears to be some misunderstanding. Attention is, therefore, called in the circular to the following:

1. Owing to the fact that a number of cattle owners have attempted to modify or have otherwise deviated from the printed directions, losses have occurred which might have been easily avoided. It is, therefore, urgently recommended that directions be followed implicitly, and especially that castrating, spaying, and dehorning be not done at the time of vaccination.

2. Vaccine which for any reason is not used should be returned to this office (The Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington, D. C.) immediately.

3. All vaccine should be used within three months from the date on the back of each package. After this period has elapsed the vaccines may be used to advantage, in cases of emergencies, as a

first vaccine, but to insure immunity it is advisable to revaccinate with fresh vaccine in the course of two weeks.

4. The only vaccine distributed by this department is a single-powdered vaccine for the prevention of blackleg, and it may be injected at any season of the year.

5. Blackleg vaccine is distributed free of charge to stock owners of the United States.

6. Neither vaccine nor application blanks will be furnished to any person for distribution among others; each stock owner must apply in his own behalf.

7. The immunizing properties of the vaccine are not usually imparted until 10 or 12 days following the vaccination.

8. Deaths of animals within one or two days after vaccination should not be attributed to the vaccine, but to the



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AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION.

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Other provisions of the law which are of no small importance should be carefully observed. Certificates of registration and license should be carried in the car at all times. Both plates should be attached, one on the front and one on the rear of the car. Any person not complying with these requirements of the law is subject to a heavy penalty. If questioned and not able to show his license and certificate of registration, he may be brought before the courts for violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws and fined accordingly. It is an easy matter to comply with the law in these respects, and every person should desire to do so. If an officer or inspector asks to see your registration certificate, you should not take it as an insult, but should show it him cheerfully, and thus aid in the practical observance of our laws.

A large number of the police officers and municipal officers of the State have expressed a willingness to cooperate with the Department of State in enforcing the registration laws. It will be unsafe for any person to run car on either than a 1916 registration after January first. An occasional Inspector is likely to appear to aid the officers in their work of enforcement. He will be furnished with all information relative to those who have registered cars, and there will be little chance of evading the law. Register your car early in the year so that when you wish to operate you may do so legally, and perhaps save yourself from the embarrassment of being brought before the courts.

ANOTHER GOVERNMENT PURCHASE.

The national forest reservation commission last Wednesday decided upon the purchase of a very important tract of land in the White mountains under the Weeks forest act.

Although the tract contains only 559 acres, and is smaller than some that have been previously acquired in the White mountains and elsewhere, it is considered to be highly important on account of its location and the valuable timber which it contains.

It is situated upon the slopes of the Presidential range and includes the summits of Mount Webster, Mount Jackson and Mount Clinton. Its acquisition will give the government practically complete control of all the peaks of the Presidential range, Mount Washington, Mount Jefferson and other northern peaks having already passed into the hands of the United States.

The tract is one which is much frequented by tourists to the White mountains and is traversed by a number of paths which have been much used. It is also in plain view of the state highway through the famous Crawford Notch. One of the finest bodies of virgin spruce timber remaining in the White mountains is situated upon the tract, although upon a portion of the land the timber was cut some 20 years ago.

Several times during the past two years the tract has been brought to the attention of the commission, but it was not until recently that the owners agreed to accept a price which the commission considered reasonable. The purchase brings the government's holdings in the White mountains to more than 21,000 acres.

GILEAD.

Mr. James Hersey and son, Willard, were in Berlin, N. H., recently.

A. R. Dyer is attending State College in Portland this week.

Miss E. J. Buckley spent the week with her parents in Berlin, N. H.

Jack McNamee was in Gorham, N. H., last Monday.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Mr. R. D. Long was in Portland on business, Thursday.

Mrs. Anna French returned from McAuley Falls, Wednesday.

Mr. Philip Smith is working as baggage master at the station.

Mr. Charles Crosby of Norway is working for Mr. J. P. Skillings.

John D. Martin of Rumford was a business visitor in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brinck from East Bethel were in town, Friday.

Mr. J. S. Burbank returned Friday from a week's hunting trip at Upton.

Miss Mary Cummings spent the week end with her brother at West Bethel.

Mrs. B. E. Packard of Camden is visiting her mother, Mrs. Davis Loveloy.

Miss Frances F. Carter of Portland is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ella Carter.

Miss Marion Swift from Lockett's Mills visited Miss Frye a few days the past week.

Mr. Frank Bartlett went to South Paris, Tuesday, to visit her sister, Mrs. Ralph Perkins.

Mr. Fred Ashby of Presque Isle is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. H. R. Tibbets.

Mrs. Ruby Smith of Gorham, N. H., is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ahira Smith.

Mrs. Ava and Marion Andrews of Norway returned home, Sunday, after spending a few days with relatives in town.

Miss Ethel Hammonton of Portland is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Skillings.

Mr. Albert Clark of Wentworth Institute is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark.

The Men's Club hold their regular meeting at Bethel Inn this Wednesday evening. An interesting program is anticipated.

Mr. Carroll Valentine of Dartmouth College is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Valentine.

Mrs. Blanche Richardson of Livermore Falls is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Richardson.

The Alumni Social Club will meet with Mrs. Gehring on Thursday evening. It is hoped that a large number will be present in order to complete the plans for the coming week.

Mrs. E. C. Park and daughter, Muriel, left Friday for a few weeks visit with friends and relatives in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Mr. Albert W. Buck of Orland, who has been with the Red Cross in Berlin for the past six months, is visiting his former classmate, Mr. Paul G. Thurston. Mr. Buck has kindly consented to speak to the Men's Club this Wednesday evening.

Rowe has a nice line of Educator Trackers in 10c, 20c and 25c lbs. Adv.

FEEDING POULTRY BREEDING STOCK.

By G. E. Conkey.

Improper feeding of breeding birds is often responsible for their inability to produce a sufficient number of hatching eggs or enough fertile eggs possessing the vitality necessary for the production of strong, vigorous chicks.

Buck does and wrens could to a great extent be very easily overcome, for it is not at all difficult to feed breeding birds properly. What they need is to be fed first for condition—to be fed for a gain in strength and vitality, so that when hatching eggs are needed they will be able to produce a maximum number of large, even-sized, fertile eggs of strong vitality.

To secure these results the method of feeding is perhaps more important than the food. For the latter, good laying ration cannot be improved upon.

The feeding for condition should begin with the selection of the breeding birds, which should take place about the middle of December. During the latter part of December and the early part of January no attempt should be made to get eggs. The birds should be fed enough to keep their strength and vigor on the increase but not enough to supply them with very much of a surplus of nutrients.

Flock condition will come to breed

more quickly if their meals

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1915.

The following list of taxes on real estate of resident owners in the Town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1915, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of August 1915, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Oldon Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1916, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Briggs, Edwin R.	Homestead Farm,	\$5.95	\$1.00
Brooks, Geo. E.	Homestead Farm,	1.28	1.00
Burhoe, James	Homestead Farm,	18.00	1.00
Corbett, James P.	Homestead Farm,	10.20	1.00
Cushman, A. G.	Homestead Farm,	17.00	1.00
Day, Charles P.	Homestead Farm,	11.00	1.00
Emery, Warren A.	Homestead Farm,	102.00	1.00
Hall, Diana B.	Valentine and Chapman Intervale,	28.00	1.00
Jones, O. M.	Homestead,	17.00	1.00
Morrill, A. R.	Homestead at East Bethel,	0.80	1.00
Morgan, A. L.	The Cummings Intervale,	25.50	1.00
Stone, Viola,	Homestead on Clark St.	20.40	1.00
Vashaw, Thomas,	The Garry Morgan Stand,	8.50	1.00
Vashaw, Mrs. Eddie,	Field and Barn of G. D. Morrill,	57.80	1.00
	Field of G. D. Morrill,	8.50	1.00
	Homestead at West Bethel,	8.50	1.00

December 21, 1915.

N. F. BROWN,

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1915.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1915, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of August 1915, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Oldon Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1916, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Brown, John	Part of D. A. Coffin Farm,	.85	2.00
	E. Andrews Land,	2.65	2.00
Buck, Charles	The Corson Homestead,	2.65	2.00
Estes, John H.	Part of R. Estes Intervale,	6.80	2.00
Stahl, A. M.	The W. W. Mason land near Newry Line,	4.25	2.00
	Part of Lots 29-30, Range 8,	8.50	2.00
Smith, Josiah W.	Homestead,	2.00	2.00

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COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Albany, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1915.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Albany aforesaid, for the year 1915, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of August 1915, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at The Town House, in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1916, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Bartlett, E. S.	40 acres in Lot 10, Range 11,	\$3.00	42.00
Kimball, J. F.	50 acres in Lot 3, Range 6,	18.00	2.00
	80 acres in Lot 3, Range 4,	23.40	2.00
	10 acres in Lot 2, Range 3,	.00	2.00

December 21, 1915.

GEORGE CUMMINGS,

Collector of Taxes of the Town of Albany.

STORE AT NEWRY CORNER BURNED.

Last Saturday night the building at Newry Corner which is owned by the Grange and used as a store, tenement and hall was burned to the ground.

It is not known exactly where or how the fire caught but it is thought from a defective chimney.

About midnight Mr. C. H. Eaton, who occupies the store and tenement, was awakened by a noise and on looking out of the window saw the flames coming out from under the roof. He and Mrs. Eaton had barely time to gather up a few clothes and make their escape. Nothing was saved from the store, but Mr. Eaton managed to get out his account books.

Mr. Eaton's loss is heavy as he had

a large stock of goods and an insurance of only \$2,500 on his stock and \$300 on his household furniture.

The Grange lost all their parapher-

alia but there was an insurance of \$1,000 on the building and it is thought that they will rebuild.

MAINE AUTO LICENSE PLATES.

New Design of Opposite Colors With Embossed Figures.

The automobile number plate which will be issued within a few days will possess a new feature. This year it will be embossed, or in other words, the letters and figures will be raised, and thus it will be impossible for automobile to paint over their old plates, put new numbers upon them, and thus evade the law. This year the colors will be exactly the opposite of those of 1915. This means that the letters and figures will be white, while the background of the plate will be blue. It is the intention at the present time to reverse the colors each year, maintaining the form and lettering of the present plate.

DOGS CARRY DISEASE.

Neglected Animals, Permitted to Run at Large, May Become Carriers of Infection to Farm Animals.

The dog in the country is a useful and pleasant adjunct to the farm if he is properly controlled and cared for, but when neglected may readily become a carrier of disease to stock, in addition to gaining opportunity to